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Vikes sweep championships

UVic Women's field hockey takes CIS gold, Vikes soccer teams win Canada West division

Nathan Lowther

The Vikes put the perfect cap on a superb tournament, as Captain Ali Lee put the perfect cap on a superb career, with a 2-1 win over the University of Alberta Pandas to win the gold medal in the 2008 Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS)/Field Hockey Championships (FHC) on Nov. 1.

The win, UVic's first national title since 2002, gives the Vikes 11 banners in total, tying the record held by the UBC Thunderbirds.

It came after the Vikes went 2-1-1 in the five-team round-robin preliminary round; good enough for top spot in the standings and a spot in the championship match. Alberta also went 2-1-1, after beating UVic in the round robin, and had a regular season record of 2-1-1 against the Vikes.

After her 25th year as the UVic coach, Lynne Beecroft commended her squad.

"I'm really, really proud of this team," Beecroft said. "We've had some ups and downs this season. Luckily for us, we played well enough to win today. Alberta played their hearts out."

For Lee, the win was overwhelming. She was CIS Rookie of the Year in 2004, CIS Player of the Year in 2005, CIS Championship Tournament MVP in 2007 and a four-time All-Canadian. But Lee had never hosted the McCrae Cup as a national champion and this was her last year of eligibility.

"I don't care about any other awards other than this gold medal. I've put my heart and soul into this program for the past four and a half years and I'm not going home without it," Lee stated on the first day of the four-day tournament.

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UVic teams won three championship finals this weekend. Left: The women's field hockey team took the final 2-1. Top right: Sam Wingham is presented with the trophy by Director of Athletics and Recreation Clint Hamilton. Bottom right: Clint Hamilton presents the banner to the UVic women's soccer team.

Lee's team helped her keep her word, but it took longer than planned. The final game went beyond 70 minutes when the Alberta Pandas earned a short corner with zeros showing on the game clock.

In field hockey, if a short corner is awarded, the game doesn't end until the defence clears the ball outside the arc. The standing-room-only crowd cheered both sides on as a second short corner added to the dramatics. Finally, the Vikes managed to clear the zone and the final whistle announced them as champions.

"I was very confident," Lee said. "Our defence on corners had been stellar."

Part of the reason for the stellar play was All-Canadian defender Perri Espeseth. Espeseth had been charging big hitters at the top of the arc throughout the tournament, fearlessly getting her stick on the rock-hard ball with an opponent in full wind-up.

"I just feel like I'm not afraid of the ball even though I've been injured the previous couple of weeks," said Espeseth, still supporting the ghost of a bruise on her face from a previous hit by a ball in the final weekend of the regular season. "I just get there and stop it, no matter what it takes."

The Vikes' goals came from tournament all-star Katie Collison in the seventh minute, and Dani Hennig early in the second half. Alberta's Rachel Sanders scored her fourth goal, tied for tops in the tournament, with six minutes left to set up the dramatic finish to the 2008 season.

"This is magical. I dreamt about it, and it happened," said Lee.

Sex lecturer Sue Johanson makes UVic crowd come

Jordan Hanford

To watch Sue Johanson perform is to watch a seasoned stand-up comedian doing an act — a raunchy one at that.

She has her routine down pat.

She starts with the medical and biological jargon, followed by a few playful metaphors and euphemisms, then she caps it off with oh-so-colourful dialogue that it seems dirty to be heard in her presence.

On Oct. 30, the legendary sex lady and national treasure came to UVic to give one of her coveted sex talks.

Johanson, originally a registered nurse, first exploded onto Canadian radio in 1984, entering hearts, minds and groins before most of the students currently attending UVic were born.

"The Sunday Night Sex Show" consisted of always-interesting and sometimes idiotic caller questions and how-to instructions for lubes, lotions and all manner of sex toys.

On the radio show, there were in-depth accounts of sexual misconceptions, proclivities, dysfunctions, diseases and infections, as well as tips for practicing safe sex. In 1996, The Sunday Night Sex Show became a weekly program on Woman's Television Network.

An American version, Talk Sex With Sue Johanson, debuted on the Oxygen network in 2002.

The world-renowned sex education guru has authored three books, given hundreds of lectures, made numerous television talk show appearances in Canada and the U.S.

She has even come to be known as "the darling of David Letterman," after having been on Late Night four times thus far.

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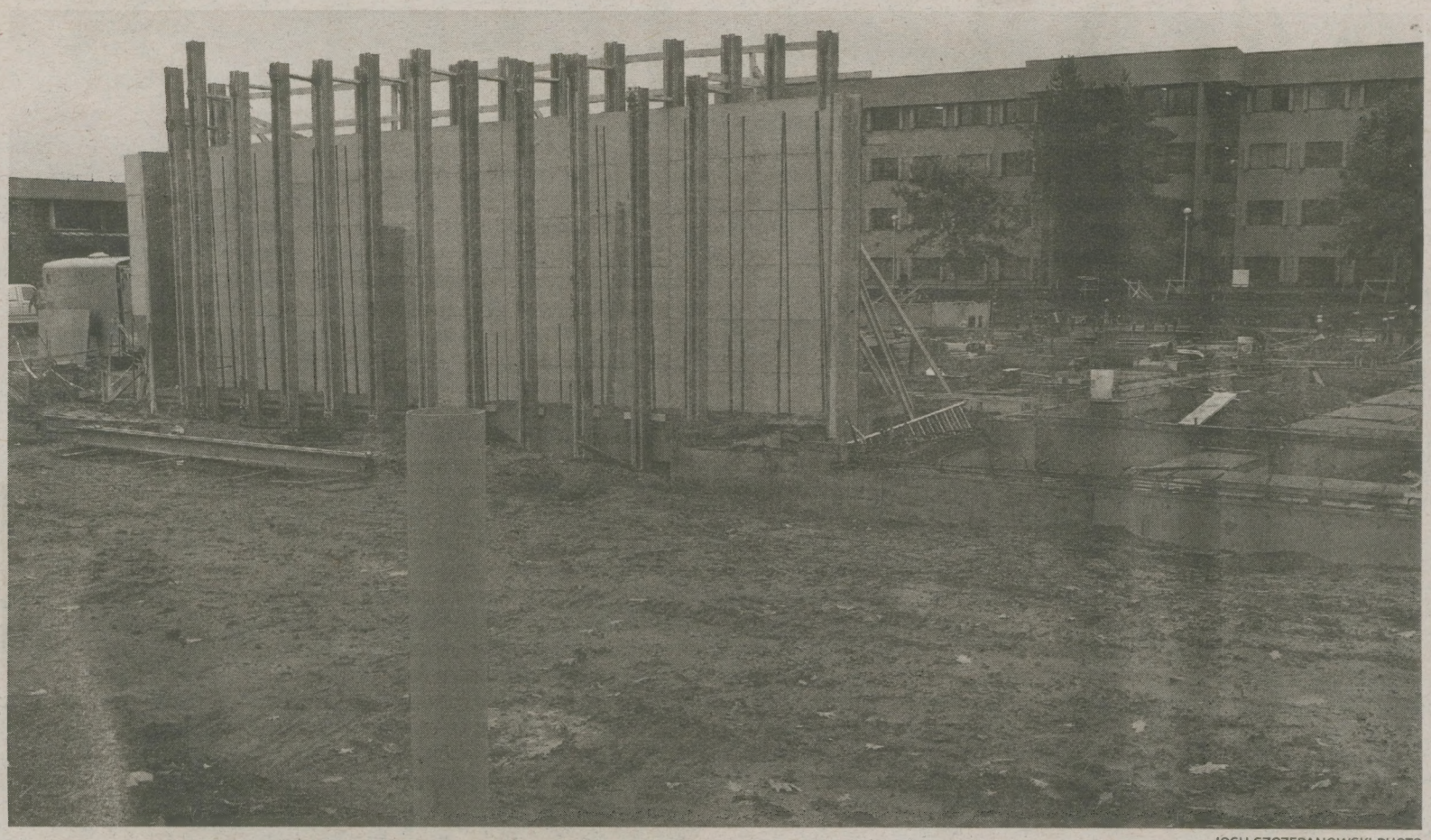
Legendary sex expert Sue Johanson visited UVic on Oct. 30.



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Despite early construction delays, the First Peoples' House is expected to make up lost time and open in the Summer of 2009.

Coming soon: First Peoples' House

Scott Daly

UVic's First Peoples House will still open next summer despite some unexpected construction delays.

Challenges during the initial excavation period with underground service connections have put construction on the building about a month behind schedule, though the university is hopeful that most of that time can be made up in the coming months.

The First Peoples House, which is being built between the Clearihue and Cornett buildings, is intended to serve as a hub for First Nations students on campus.

"We want to create a 'home away from home' for our Indigenous students," said Fran Hunt-Jinnouchi, Director of the Office of Indigenous Affairs.

"It will be a welcoming place for Indigenous students coming to UVic from B.C. and beyond."

Once completed, the $7 million, 12,000 square-foot building will contain the Native Students Union, a 25-seat classroom, a computer lab, office space for various services for Indigenous students including the Office of Indigenous Affairs, and a large ceremonial hall that will be able to accommodate up to 200 people.

"There is great anticipation and excitement from many directions, including Indigenous students on campus and Indigenous faculty and staff," said Hunt-Jinnouchi.

UVic Vice President Academic and Provost Jamie Cassels says the First Peoples House is the result of a major commitment by the university towards First Nations education and research.

"It's intended to make Indigenous students, staff and faculty feel further welcome and recognized," said Cassels.

"We have developed courses and programs for Aboriginal students, services to support them, and major research initiatives by faculty."

Cassels said the House will serve as a physical centre to hold all the elements together, and will provide space to further build programs and services.

Hunt-Jinnouchi says that the House will not be just for Indigenous students at UVic, but is intended for the wider community as well.

"It will be a focal point for education of the broader UVic community for Indigenous history, culture and traditional ways," said Hunt-Jinnouchi.

"It will also provide a link with local First Nations and Aboriginal organizations."

The House, designed by Indigenous architect Alfred Waugh, is meant to resemble a pre-contact Coast Salish longhouse. In addition to the Salish design influence, it will incorporate a number of environmentally-friendly features like a green roof, storm retention pond and natural ventilation.

Cassels says the building will be a prominent symbol on campus of the university's continuing relationship with Indigenous peoples.

"It will serve as a manifestation, and reminder, of our continuing commitments towards Canada's First Peoples," said Cassels.

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News reviews

Sam VanSchie

YAY!

B.C. NDP leader Carole James presented her four-point plan to make education more accessible to low-income earners.

If the NDP form government in May, James promised the NDP would add $250 million worth of student grants over three years, restore the $50 million that the Liberals cut from universities, cut interest rates in half for student loans and add $4 million per year to graduate student scholarships.

James was responding to a report by the Canada Millennium Scholarship Fund which showed that the B.C. student aid system is the worst in the country.

NAY!

The education gap between Aboriginal people and other Canadians is growing as the relative number of Aboriginal students enrolling in university has not kept up with the boom of enrollment in other populations, according to a recent study published by the Howe Institute.

Among people identifying as First Nations on the 2006 census, more had higher education compared to previous years.

However, this increase was smaller than increases seen in non-Aboriginal populations.

The study also found that Aboriginal people with university degrees have a higher rate of employment than non-Aboriginal degree holders, while at all other equal levels of education, Aboriginal people found fewer jobs.

YAY!

The University of Alberta is considering removing God from their convocation speech.

In their current ceremony, the chancellor charges students to use their degrees for "the glory of God." An atheist group at U of A has been advocating since 2004 for the removal of the comment.

On Oct. 27, students presented the university with a petition of 189 signatures of students who wanted the wording changed. But General Faculties Council has the final say.

UVic is among several other secular public institutions in Canada that do not reference God in their convocation ceremony.

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Students can deny clubs status: court

Sam VanSchie
CUP WESTERN BUREAU CHIEF

KELOWNA (CUP) – A ruling out of the B.C. Supreme Court has supported one student union's decision to revoke a campus pro-life group's club status.

Legal cases instigated by a pro-life student group are expected to have cost the University of B.C.'s Students' Union – Okanagan about $45,000 as they successfully defended their right to not support the club.

Though the Students' Union does not have a pro-choice mandate, they have not supported Students For Life since 2006, because the group would not grant the union's request that they not poster campaign material from the Genocide Awareness Project, which included graphic images of aborted fetuses.

"[Students] were repulsed and upset that they were forced to be subjected to such violent and unnecessary material," said Carolyn Cody, the Students' Union's internal co-ordinator. "There were calls to immediately deregister the club because of the material used."

At a special general meeting in 2006, a majority of UBC-O students voted to withhold the group's club status and up to $800 in annual funding that comes with it.

Rather than ask students to overturn their decision democratically, the club complained to the B.C. Human Rights Tribunal, alleging their right to free speech was being violated. The tribunal refused to hear the case.

The next year, the group went back to the tribunal alleging the society was restricting their right to religious freedom. Again the case was thrown out.

Finally, in 2007, Students For Life brought the union to the B.C. Supreme Court to appeal the tribunal's decision. By this time, the students who began the case had graduated.

"It does not appear to be the goal of the anti-choice movement to win a decision in court," Cody wrote in an open letter about the case. "Instead their goal seems to be to sap the finances and morale of the [union] until there is no choice but to give in to their demands, and indeed we have seen this tactic succeed in similar cases."

The union is student-funded and the ongoing court battles comes at the expence of all UBC-O students. Students For Life may still appeal the Supreme Court's decision.

"It's definitely hurting student life," said Cody. "We have to cut back on other things to pay for lawyers."

And the rulings, according to Cody, "just confirm what we already knew."

Marlon Bartram, who started the Students For Life club when he was a student at UBC-O and is the current executive director of the Kelowna Right to Life Society, says while he hired the lawyers to bring the case to the tribunal, he did not support appealing the decision.

"I didn't think we had a strong enough case and it would be too expensive to continue fighting," he said.

"Another pro-life group in Kelowna offered the money, and that gave the lawyers a green light to appeal."

Bartram does not wish to disclose the name of the funding group.

He says if a current UBC-O students wish to start a new pro-life group on campus they would be best to send a strong application to the union and get it ratified with a vote, which would likely require they agree not to use Genocide Awareness Project material.

"I think it would be compromising their freedom of expression, but it's better to have a limited pro-life club than no pro-life club," Bartram said.

Other cases have supported the rights of closed societies to choose how they spend their own money, though this was the first time a pro-life club challenged a student society.

Because it's a precedent-setting case, Shamus Reid, the B.C. chairperson for the Canadian Federation of Students, says it will likely add weight to cases at other universities where their student unions are fighting pro-life groups.

"Student societies have the right to democratically direct their own affairs," Reid said. "They need to be able to uphold what their membership asks for democratically."

A number of student unions have denied club status to campus pro-life groups over the last couple of years, including those at Memorial University of Newfoundland and York University.

More recently, the student union at Capilano University overturned its decision to deny its pro-life group club status after the group launched a human rights complaint.

In May, the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), which has long had a pro-choice mandate, passed a motion to support member societies that refuse to allow pro-life organizations access to their resources.

The CFS is also creating pro-choice organization kits with materials to support pro-choice, and researching the funding of pro-life clubs.

Still no funding for pro-life

Youth Protecting Youth has lost several appeals for funds

Sam VanSchie

Youth Protecting Youth (YPY), a student club that advocates against abortion, premarital sex and hormonal birth control, will have to call students to a Special General Meeting if they wish to continue their plea for clubs funding this term.

While YPY is recognized as a UVSS club, which allows them to hold events in the Student Union Building free of charge, they have been denied funding after multiple failed appeals to Clubs Counsel and the UVic Student Society.

"This isn't about limiting free speech," said Women's Centre Rep, Anna Turje. "It's about limiting the type of speech we fund."

Clubs funding is paid from student fees, which all students must pay with their tuition. All eligible clubs receive equal funding. YPY is one of eight clubs that did not receive clubs funding this semester.

YPY president Monica Murphy told the board that limiting their club's funding will hurt its ability to operate, as they will have to rely solely on external funding of about $200 per year from Victoria Right to Life.

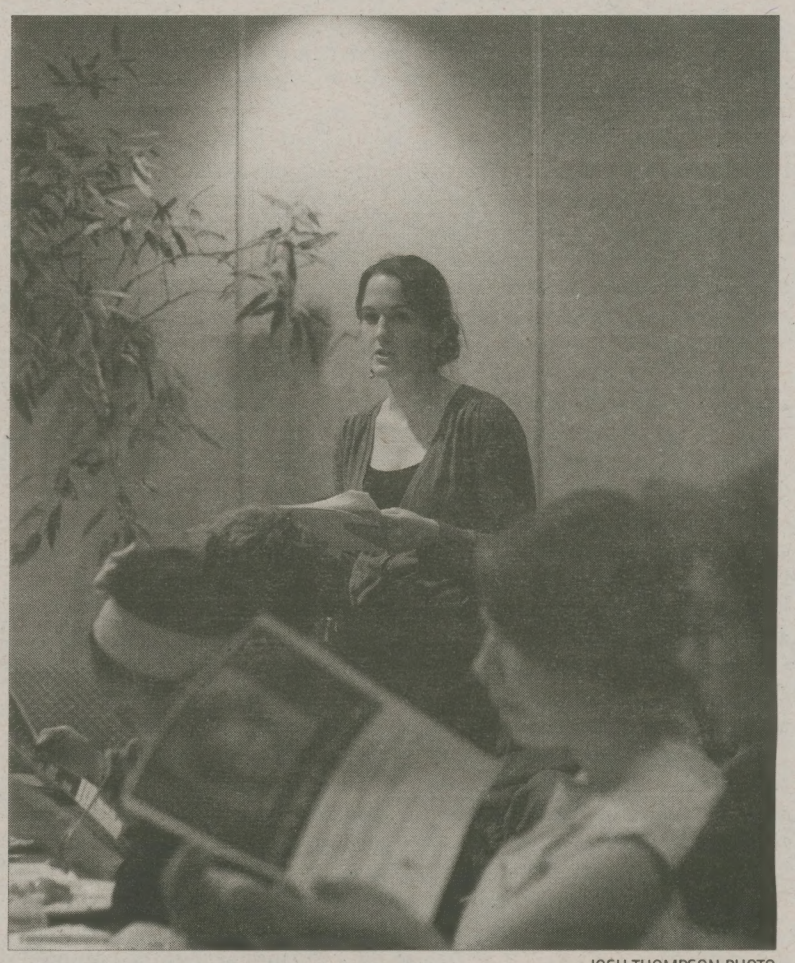
But Shantelle Moreno, member of a pro-choice student club, said YPY's message has no place at UVic and it's the students' right to choose not to fund them.

"They spread misinformation ... and try to instill fear and shame into women," said Moreno, who took particular issue with YPY telling students about an illness called "post-abortion syndrome," which has been discredited by medical doctors and psychiatrists. "This kind of thing is harmful to every woman on this campus."

On Oct. 28, student representatives from the clubs voted 14 to four against YPY's appeal for funding.

"Those are students telling us what they want," said Director of Services Christine Comrie. "We should support that majority and not overturn their decision."

Director of Finance Tracy Ho said material used for YPY's postering campaign last year was no different from hate speech and, based on historical actions of the club, they should not be funded.



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Youth Protecting Youth president Monica Murphy (standing) gave the UVSS board examples of posters she used with permission last year.

But Murphy said that the university had approved the posters, and so it was within the group's right to put them up. She also argued that diverse perspectives should be encouraged on campus.

"It would be ironic if I had more rights and freedoms when I step off this campus than when I'm here," Murphy said. "I don't have a choice of whether I'm a part of UVSS. I pay fees and should be eligible to get some of them back for my club."

Director-at-Large Geordan Omand, who argued at a board meeting on Oct. 6 that YPY should be granted their funding on the basis of freedom of speech, changed his stance on the issue, pointing out that universities are not legally bound by the charter rights.

Richard Park also noted his mind had been changed since the last meeting.

In a vote, only Meaghan Kerr and Erin Lacharity, two directors-at-large, voted to grant the club funding, while the other 13 directors present did not want the club to have funding.

"This is something that clubs and the board can revisit in other semesters," said Director of Academics Edward Pullman. "It's not the final say."

While clubs do not have to comply with the student society's policy, the UVSS is mandated to support freedom of choice on the matter of abortion.

When YPY asked students at an Annual General Meeting in 2005 if they supported scrapping their pro-choice stance, over 600 showed up to vote to uphold the mandate.

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ACCESS UVic rep resigns from board

Sam VanSchie

The ACCESS UVic representative on the UVic Student Society board has announced her resignation.

Rebecca Robb repeatedly spoke against the board on matters of the labour dispute which saw workers in the Student Union Building on strike for seven weeks. She was also facing possible censure (a proverbial slap on the wrist) regarding allegations put forward by Director-at-Large Dylan Hardie.

At a UVSS board meeting on Oct. 6, Hardie was successful in adding to the agenda a motion to censure and exclude Robb from further in-camera (confidential) meetings regarding collective agreement negotiations.

However, because it was a late addition to the agenda and Robb argued that a learning disability prevented her from reading the documents presented to her, the motion was tabled and Robb left the meeting.

At the next meeting on Oct. 20, Robb was absent and the board decided to table the motion a second time.

At the most recent meeting on Nov. 3, the motion was called out of order by the chair because of Robb's resignation.

"The motion was not to pressure her to leave," Hardie said at the meeting. "I did not want this girl off the board."

While her resignation to the board did not include a reason, Robb wrote a letter to the Martlet on Nov. 4, explaining that while Hardie's motion didn't help her feel comfortable on the board, it wasn't the reason she resigned.

"I want to focus on my studies and the CFUV show [ACCESS Live], and let someone new serve as the Constituency Rep," Robb wrote. "I felt it was important to stay on during the strike because I was one of only two dissenting voices."

Robb says that while she respects the other board members and enjoyed getting to know them, she does have serious concerns about the way the strike was handled.

"In my opinion the board as a whole didn't rise to the challenge as well as I'd have liked. I wish there had been discussion about whether the executive should cross the picket lines," she said. "Part of the job of all the general directors is to assist the executive and scrutinize their actions. It was very difficult trying to do that part of my job during the strike."

During the strike, Robb and Director-at-Large Erin Lacharity, repeatedly told the UVSS in their directors' reports that they supported the SUB strikers and refused to cross their pickets.

"I struggled without success to persuade my fellow directors to get a second professional opinion about our finances," Lacharity said in one report.

"I keep asking why we take [senior manager] Marne [Jensen]'s word for everything ... Our employees are much more open than our manager and, to me at least, they are more believable."

Hardie was one of four UVSS board members who is also a SUB worker, and was also unsettled by the negotiation process. During negotiations he was not allowed to vote on issues regarding the negotiations or attend in-camera sessions.

ANDREW SMITH PHOTO

Burning sage is a traditional ritual in Aboriginal cleansing ceremonies, and was used in the SUB on Oct. 31.

Smoke clears toxic SUB

Danielle Pope

Sage smoke filled the halls of the Student Union Building on Friday, Oct. 31, when the UVSS held a cleansing ceremony to remove the toxic atmosphere from the building post-strike.

Aboriginal elder Gerry Ambers, from the Alert Bay Kwakwaka'wakw Nation, performed the cleansing ceremony in the SUB, using sage, eagle feathers and candles.

"Everyone has different traditions and different ways of doing things," said Ambers, whose Aboriginal name is Wolthasugwilakw. "The Coast, we're a little more relaxed with things. It doesn't mean we're any less respectful — it's just a way of working and my rituals may not be the same [as others']."

The UVSS worked with the Native Students' Union Firekeeper Gary Dawson-Quatell to bring Ambers in. Dawson-Quatell knows Ambers through his late grandmother.

"[The UVSS] wanted a cleansing, and we talked about the heavy feeling with all of the vandalism [during the strike]," said Dawson-Quatell. "It's sacred work, and it's a good reminder about the teachings."

The ceremony began with members of the board, the union, the NSU and others who wished to attend gathering in a circle to receive smudging, a ritual cleansing done by wafting sage smoke over the body.

Michael Ryan, the Cinecenta theatre manager, who acted as union president during the strike, paid special thanks for being included in the ceremony.

"I just want to say a special thanks for extending the invite," Ryan said to Ambers and the board. "It means a lot."

Ambers and Dawson-Quatell then continued the ceremony by first cleansing the UVSS office, then the hallways and entrances of the SUB, then Vertigo, Felicita's, the NSU office and the SUB stairwell.

Ambers brushed smoke into the air and around corners with the eagle's feather, while Dawson-Quatell pinched the candle's flame with his fingers and tossed light into areas of darkness.

"Sage has always been used by our people to cleanse away negative energy," Ambers said. "The eagle feather also lifts off negative energy, while the candle comes from the Shaker tradition ... but every society has different cleansing tactics."

Ambers, who lives in Victoria, says she often draws on other people's traditions depending on who she is asked to help.

Director of Services Christine Comrie says that after the strike, it's nice to come back to the SUB with a clean slate.

"We've grown a real attachment with the NSU," said Comrie. "[The cleansing ceremony] was something that came to mind, and also helps us to remember the land, who it belongs to, and to use the [First Nations] ways to solve problems."

After the ceremony, Ambers, Dawson-Quatell and those who helped with the cleansing were instructed to wash in cold water as a way of cleaning off the toxins from their service.

"I want to thank you for trusting in this way — it's our First Nations' version of Feng Shui," said Ambers. "When negativity piles up it affects everyone. There's a lot of inner cleansing and space cleansing our people do to keep things clean."

The ceremonial rituals were taught to Ambers by elders from the Nuuchahnulth and Lillooet Nations.

Dawson-Quatell, whose Aboriginal name is T'lakwadzi, said he appreciates and respects the support and solidarity the UVSS has shown the NSU, though he added that the ceremony is sacred work and ideally would take place in a more private setting.

"If it's needed, we'll do it again," said Dawson-Quatell about the cleansing. "As head rep for the NSU, it's really important to continue to practice who we are as a people."

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A motorist recieves a $167 ticket near Ring Road's Henderson entrance for failing to wear a seatbelt.

Students fined for commuting violations

Kailey Willetts

Illegal transportation practices hit UVic students in the wallet the morning of Oct. 29.

The Capital Regional District's Integrated Road Safety Unit (IRSU) was at Ring Road ticketing cyclists riding without helmets and vehicle passengers who neglected to buckle up.

Const. Eric Thompson estimates they ticketed about 10 people for not wearing helmets and another 10 for not wearing seatbelts in the three hours the two IRSU officers spent on campus.

Many students were surprised by the sudden action taken to enforce seatbelt and helmet use.

"We had a lot of students that were complaining about the tickets," said Thompson of the IRSU.

He said students were protesting the tickets on the basis that the law had never been previously enforced in this area.

"The laws around helmets have not changed for several years," said Thompson. "It gets enforced as we're able to enforce it."

Thompson said another basis of complaint against the tickets was that it was a personal choice whether or not to wear a helmet or seatbelt, and that the laws interfered with this. However, Thompson added that if these people are seriously injured due to their personal choices, it will cost our medical system hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The ISRU was in the Oak Bay area, and Thompson said they had received a special request from the Oak Bay Town Council which was concerned about people not wearing helmets.

With more people choosing to bike, helmet use is becoming an increasing concern.

Third-year English student Emily Schellinck bikes to school on a regular basis and is glad to see the police out enforcing helmet laws.

"I think it's really good because people don't realize how dangerous it is to actually bike around Victoria," she said.

In September her boyfriend was involved in an accident that threw his head through the windshield of a car, just weeks after he started wearing a helmet.

"My boyfriend's alive today because he wore a helmet," said Schellinck. She said part of the danger is that, even though there are bike lanes, cyclists can't know what vehicles are going to do.

"Motorists don't see bikes — that's the bottom line," said Thompson, adding that accidents with motorists usually aren't the cyclist's fault. "For a $30 helmet you could do it a lot more safely."

Thompson said that seatbelt use appears to be on the increase.

"We're not seeing as many violations but there still are a number of people who aren't wearing them," he said.

Accident statistics show that people not wearing seatbelts are more likely to be seriously injured or killed in an accident, Thompson said. He said that since airbags are designed for use with a seatbelt, they can actually be fatal when passengers neglect to buckle up.

For Thompson, getting the message out there is key in encouraging seatbelt and helmet use.

"I'm firmly of the belief that we can always do more education," he said. "I would like to see more education out there, maybe on campus."

While Thompson said the IRSU was not targeting UVic students, students do tend to commute more by bicycle and use the roads in the area around campus.

Thompson hopes that the tickets given out will spread the word.

"We'll be doing it again and so will the Oak Bay Police Department and Saanich Police Department," he said.

The fine for cycling without a helmet is $29, while the fine for not wearing a seatbelt is $167.

This week in Martlet history

Nov. 3, 1988 — SUB management adoped a "wait-and-see" approach after Cinecenta projectionists announced their application to the Industrial Relations Council for certification with the B.C. Projectionists' Union.

Dave Clode, SUB general manager, predicted that the possibility of a union operating in the SUB had the potential to cause mayhem in how the SUB operated.

The Alma Mater Society's Board of Directors maintained confidence in their opinion that employees were being treated well.

However, Clode also predicted that it would be hard to negotiate multiple collective agreements and that a general SUB employee agreement would be difficult to resolve.

Nov. 6, 1997 — One UVic student's experiences as a gay teacher in the education system proved to be too "controversial" for a student newsletter.

Stories from the Martlet archives

The Education Students Association newsletter rejected an article written by the undergrad student whose eight years of teaching experience provided him insight into the realities of being a gay teacher.

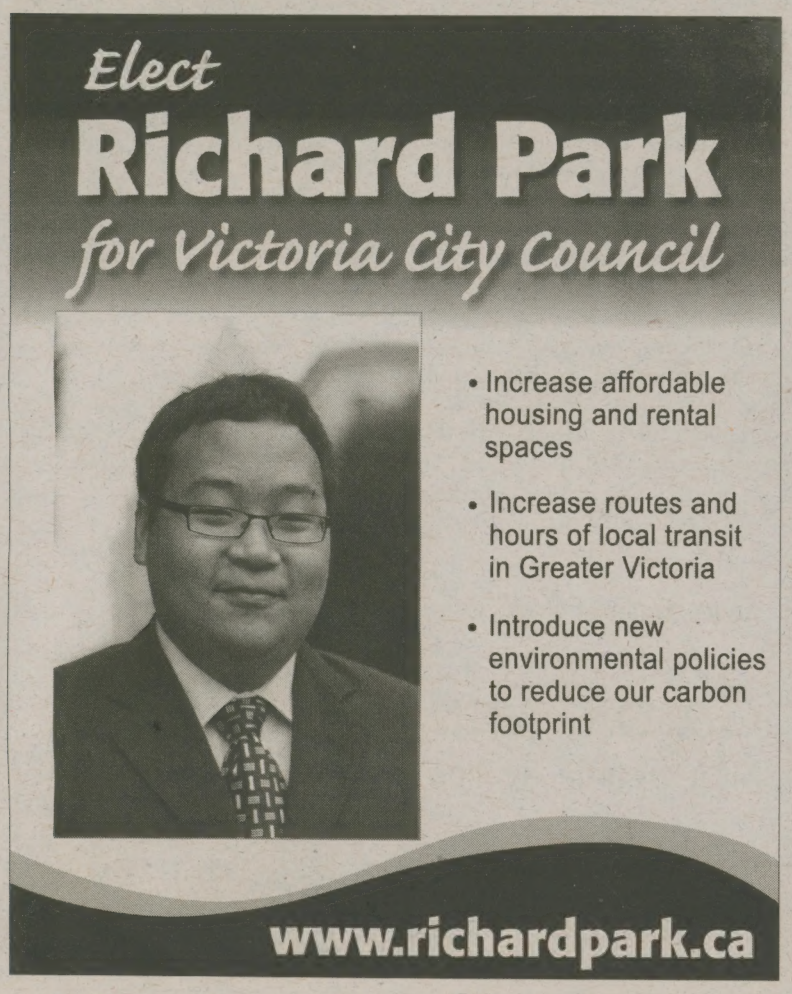
Newsletter editors maintianed that the publication was not a "medium for controversial issues."

Nov. 1, 2007 — Students overwhelmingly rejected a motion to ban the military from recruiting in the SUB at the UVSS Annual General Meeting on Oct. 25.

The UVSS recorded that 525 students packed the meeting room, forcing the AGM to get underway a half hour late due to the cue of students waiting for voting cards.

Only 25 students voted in favour of the ban after eight students were allowed to debate the issue.

The UVic campus was buzzing with activity in the leadup to the vote, as Students Against War held a rally outside the SUB.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More advocacy groups seek funding boost

Sam VanSchie

The Native Students Union (NSU) will join three other student-run advocacy groups in a referendum question that will seek to bring each club to a common funding base of $2 per student each semester.

For a total increase of $4.55, if the referendum is supported, students will pay an additional 55 cents to the Women's Centre, $1 to the NSU and $1.50 to each Pride and the Students of Colour Collective (SOCC).

"The NSU figured this would be great to be a part of," NSU board rep Gary Dawson-Quatell said. "We always need more funding and it's better for all the advocacy groups to work together on this."

One advocacy group, ACCESS UVic, has refused to seek inclusion in this referendum. The group for students with disabilities presented a petition with signatures of 3312 students to the UVic Student Society board in order to include their request for a funding increase as a separate referendum question.

ACCESS UVic, currently the highest funded advocacy group, will seek and an additional $2 per student each semester, bringing their funding base up to $3.50 per student.

Scott Garnett, a member of ACCESS UVic, explained that the additional funding the group is seeking is to hire additional staff.

"Having a disability places extra demands on a person," Garnett told the board. "We have physical constraints to the amount of work we can do at one time. If we want to do 'X' amount of work, the same as the other groups, we just need more people to do it because of our disabilities."

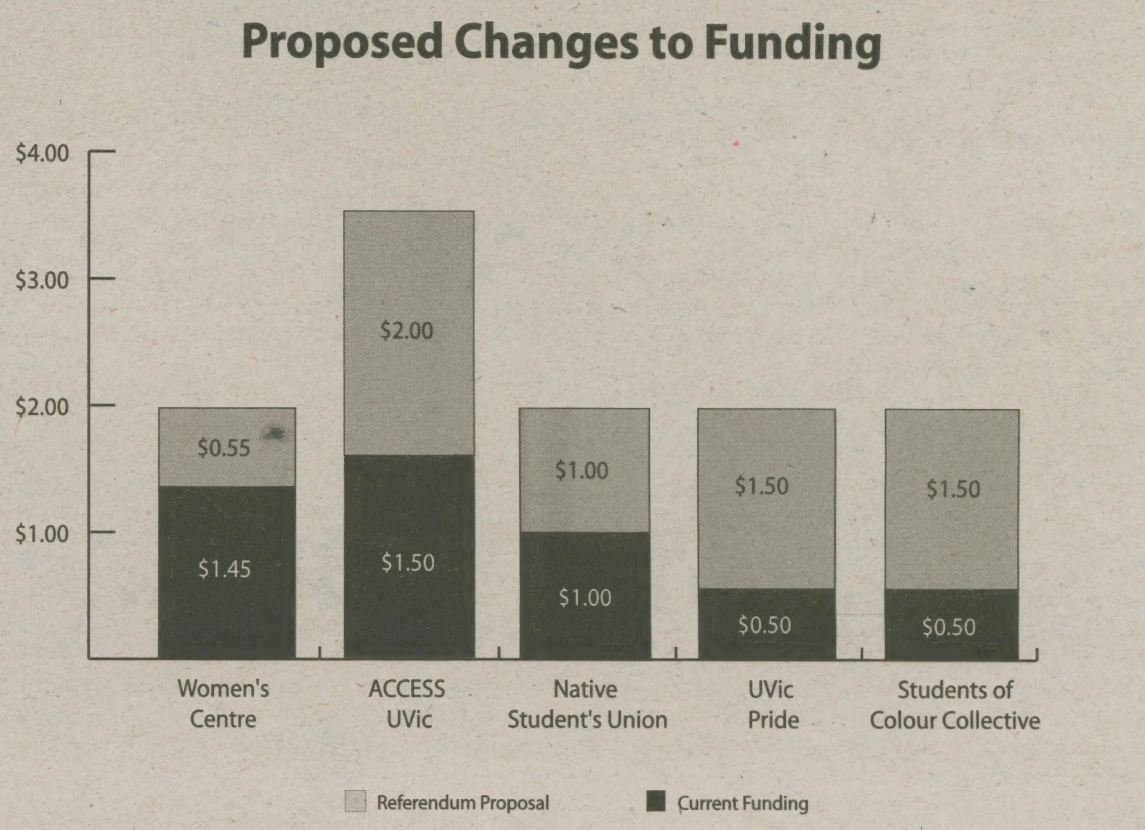
The UVSS board unanimously voted to accept the petitions collected by ACCESS UVic, and will send them to the registrar to have the names checked to ensure each of the signatures are of current students.

UVSS chair Caitlin Meggs said that the group made a request last year for a referendum for their funding increase, but the former board opposed it because they wanted to see the five advocacy groups work together for a common funding base.

Both referendums will be voted on with regular student elections in March, despite some advocacy groups' hope that they could hold a special referendum before January so their money could be collected with winter student fees.

The strike in the Student Union Building prevented the UVSS from making necessary arrangements to hire somebody to oversee the voting process. A special referendum held this term would have cost the UVSS about $13,000.

ACCESS UVic does not currently have a representative on the UVSS board, as former constituency rep Rebecca Robb resigned.



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Current minimum wage far below living wage: study

Kat Eschner

The living wage in Victoria for a family is $16.39 an hour, according to "Working for a Living Wage," a recent report released through the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives. This represents an annual family take-home pay of just over $52,000.

According to report contributor Tim Richards, a UVic law professor, the report marks a pioneering effort to give the living wage a dollar amount.

"We've kind of always said, well, let's presume that the economy will take care of [providing a living wage]," Richards said. "This is meant to provide some common information and a concrete starting point for living wage efforts."

The $10 minimum wage advocated for by the Canadian Federation of Students and other groups represents an amount which would enable an individual to stay above the poverty line, according to the B.C. Federation of Labour.

Richards described the living wage as a number above and beyond which would allow two-income families with two children or single parent families with one child to have adequate access to basic amenities like shelter, food, medical care and childcare.

"A fifth of a family's income goes towards childcare, which is considerable," said Richards.

According to the report, government subsidies and tax rebates intended to help those in poverty, including the Provincial Childcare Subsidy, would not apply to families earning the living wage.

"The social activity of a society is affected by poverty, and one of the benefits of the living wage is that it will allow people to be involved in their society," Richards said.

He linked low voter turnout and a lack of community participation to the stresses of living in poverty for families. He also said those stresses affect society in the long term by negatively affecting the children of such families.

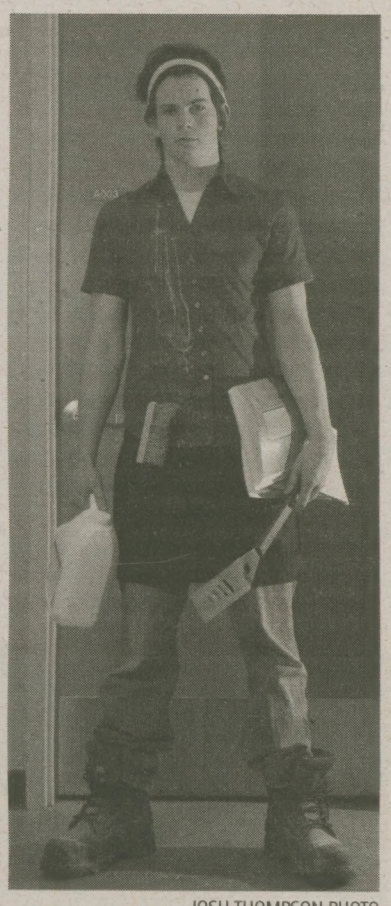
"There's a recognition that the family expenses we've identified are reasonable and not extravagant ... I think that it's a recognition of our current realities," said Richards.

> "A fifth of a family's income goes towards childcare."
> – Tim Richards, UVic Prof

The report also names a wage for Vancouver of $16.74. According to Richards, a "rigourous methodology" was used to calculate these numbers. The calculations are spelled out in the report.

According to the 2007 Fraser Institute article "Does the minimum wage need to be raised?," increases in any kind of minimum wage actually damage those working in lower-paying jobs because they prompt employers to cut costs by cutting people or hours.

"Not all employers are going to do this tomorrow," Richards said. "But, particularly with the large employers that contract with the government, this should be attainable ... it's clearly within the government's power to set the standards for adequate wages."



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Many students are forced to work multiple jobs to make ends meet.

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Profs tackle historic election

UVic Model UN club hosts panel discussion on the 2008 race for the White House

Cody Willett

Nearly 100 students and members of the community packed a lecture theatre on Nov. 3, where the UVic Model United Nations (MUN) club hosted a panel discussion about the American election.

Saskia Knight, MUN President, cited the impact of a new presidential administration on the UN as one of the reasons her club organized the event.

"It's an opportunity for people to engage with experts in the field on very important topics that could potentially have a great impact on America, Canada and the greater international community," said Knight.

MUN fundraising ministers Taryn Danford and Josh Stephenson put the panel discussion together for students and encouraged donations to help send the UVic delegation to New York for the yearly MUN national conference. At the last conference, UVic's delegation represented China and won several awards including "best delegation" and "best position paper."

Danford pointed out how three of the four panelists — Dr. Janni Aragon, Dr. Laura Parisi and Dr. Andrew Wender — were American, and represented the "top American political scientists that we have here at UVic."

The fourth panellist, Dr. Scott Watson, teaches international security.

"He talks about everything there is to do [with] security, and as you know, the UN has a huge role in peacekeeping missions," said Danford.

Danford's rationale for putting on an event to discuss the American elections was simple.

"It's so exciting," she said. "The entire school is interested in it, and it's just hard not to be around these days ... it's very in your face."

The discussion began with Aragon, who teaches a class on the U.S. election, outlining some campaign dynamics surrounding race, youth and gender.

Aragon said that youth have been major agents of change throughout the 2008 race by taking to the streets in voter registration drives. She predicted turnout among the 50 million youth eligible to vote to be "amazingly strong."

She also highlighted polling data that suggests support for John McCain among college-age voters appears dismal compared to that of Barack Obama. She said that Obama has 2.5 million supporters on Facebook stemming from a "Draft Obama" group founded in 2006, while McCain only established a presence on the youth networking site in August 2008.

On the topic of human and women's rights, Parisi argued that there are "stark differences between candidates."

Parisi told the crowd that the UN conventions on the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgendered (LGBT) rights and the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples have yet to be ratified by the U.S. She then maintained that Obama supports ratifying such treaties while McCain opposes signing on.

On the topic of the death penalty, she suggested that in Obama's opinion it doesn't deter criminals and shouldn't be used widely, but communities should have the right to impose capital punishment in some cases.

"McCain is an avid supporter of the death penalty," affirmed Parisi.

Watson gave a brief description of the issues around immigration in the campaign.

"[The] two are not that far apart at all," on the security and immigration issue, Watson said. Both candidates support amnesty for the 10 to 40 million illegal immigrants in America if they turn themselves in, learn English and demonstrate some understanding of American history, maintained Watson.

He went on to criticize Obama's support for a border fence and McCain's plan to increase the number of border guards as "border games" on the grounds that studies have indicated that neither approach would be very effective.

However, Watson made sure to point out that McCain supported the Patriot Act and other related laws, while Obama has gone on record opposing such measures.

Finally, Wender, who teaches UVic's Obama vs. McCain class, gave an animated presentation on the role religion has played in the American election. He backed up his main premise, that we are "in the midst of a 'de-secularization' of the world," by citing examples of how American political discourse has become "saturated with religiosity."

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>
> – Saskia Knight
> UVic MUN President

Wender attacked popular assumptions that there is a "secular left" and "religious right."

"Nothing could be further from the truth," Wender said.

Wender dicussed how Obama emphasises religious pluralism and being attuned to the concerns of all religions, whereas McCain is fond of referencing America's "Judeo-Christian" foundation.

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Clockwise from top left: Professors Parisi, Wender, Aragon and Watson dissect issues from the most pivotal American election in a generation.

After all four panelists had spoken, a handful of questions from the audience were taken on a wide variety of topics.

One questionner asked whether Republican Vice-Predidential candidate Sarah Palin's possible presence in the White House would undermine what runner-up Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton accomplished for women aspiring to the presidency.

Dr. Parisi suggested that if the McCain-Palin ticket won the election, "there would be less value attached to the Vice Presidential role."

However, Dr. Parisi allowed that Palin might energise a whole differet generation of women to get involved.

Dr. Aragon agreed, saying "you might have lots of women saying 'if she can do this, I can too.'"

The municipal election is on Nov. 15th;
Let's work together for a better Victoria!

Sonya Chandler, RN was elected to Victoria city council in 2005, and continues to work as a nurse at the Victoria Youth Clinic, an outreach clinic for high risk youth.

"It has been a pleasure representing our shared values at City Hall and I look forward to another three years working together towards a green, safe and family-friendly city for everyone."

Philippe Lucas is an educator, a Master's candidate in UVic's Studies in Policy and Practice programme, and a Graduate Research Fellow with the Center for Addictions Research of British Columbia.

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Victoria mayoral candidates confident as election nears

Kat Eschner

With the federal and American elections over, it's time to gear up for one closer to home: the municipal election. With smaller budgets and less airtime, sometimes it can be hard to figure out candidate issues and who is who. Although the Capital Regional District has thirteen municipalities, most UVic students live in two: Saanich and Victoria. The Martlet breaks down the candidates to show you who you can vote for in the Nov. 15 election.

Dean Fortin

"I want our downtown to be active and vibrant and full of opportunities," said first-time Victoria mayoral candidate Dean Fortin.

Fortin, a former lawyer, served two terms on Victoria City Council. He was executive director of the Gorge-Burnside community centre for 17 years before becoming politically involved.

"My Victoria has to include everybody," said Fortin. "I just don't want [a lot] of high-priced condos downtown. Having people from all different walks of life ... makes for a rich and vibrant community."

Fortin said he would achieve such a community by pushing changes to make Victoria more affordable to live in and making the issues of homelessness and sustainability a priority.

"We need to bring better public transit, whether it's the commuter rail, better buses or special late-night runs ... That keeps our downtown vibrant and helps people afford to live in Victoria."

Fortin has also discussed initiatives like encouraging high-tech and tourist industry job creation, and setting up a system to reclaim heat energy from sewage.

"I work with a great group of young people in my campaign, and they tell me, 'We need a Victoria where you can start your career, where you can grow'," said Fortin.

Fortin lives in Oaklands with his wife and daughter. He holds three degrees from UVic: a BA in Geography, a law degree and an MA in counselling.

Georgia-Anne Jones

Georgia-Anne Jones became interested in politics only after she had political clashes with a close friend — although she cites Naomi Klein's book *The Shock Doctrine* as another major inspiration for her second try at winning the mayor's seat.

Jones' campaign outlines a three-point platform surrounding sewage treatment, the police force and housing for the homeless.

Victoria's sewage treatment system, or lack of one, is playing a major role in this election, says Jones, though she remains dismissive. Jones believes the issue is being over-publicized.

"There aren't very many people here, and with all of the financial problems that are going on in the world right now, I think at this time a sewage treatment plant is not of critical importance," she said.

Jones also thinks expanding the police force is a bad idea.

"I say, we need less police ... I feel they're paid bullies," Jones said.

She proposes that the money saved by not building a sewage treatment plant and by subtracting a few police salaries could be used instead to buy unused buildings in the Victoria area. Jones says this would also be key to dealing with the issue of homelessness, because the buildings could then be converted into "behavioural rehabilitation" housing.

"Allow anyone to come live in the building if there's no alcohol, no drugs and no violence," said Jones. "Anyone who wants to be rehabilitated and learn how to live properly in society, they can go to live there, and that way we don't have people wandering the streets."

Jones advocates that Ellice Park, a location previously considered for the relocation of the Streetlink shelter, should be provided with shower, laundry and washroom facilities, and that homeless people should be able to pitch their tents there at all hours.

"It needs to be a sanitary situation," said Jones. "It's not a matter of whether they've got a tent up and we, who live in houses, think that looks tacky; we have to think in terms of health and in terms of compassion."

JULIA WOLFENDEN PHOTO

Students gather around to listen to hopefuls speak at the UVSS all-candidates forum on Monday, Oct. 27.

Rob Reid

Mayoral candidate and local business owner Rob Reid wants to "brand the city in a new sort of light."

Reid's platform includes putting in place urban plans for each neighbourhood in Victoria, along with a more concrete plan for transit reform. He believes Victoria needs to work with Saanich, Esquimalt and Oak Bay to solve local problems.

He also wants to see city hall update its priorities. He said issues such as homelessness and policing have to take the forefront over zoning bylaw decisions.

"The best time [at city hall] isn't being spent efficiently," Reid said.

Prior to owning Frontrunners and New Balance in Victoria, Reid worked as a physical education teacher and counsellor in Calgary. Reid, a Toronto native, has lived in Victoria for 20 years now.

"I decided I'd start my own business out here," he said.

Though Reid is running in the Victoria riding, he lives with his family in Oak Bay.

According to his website, he contributes to Victoria's economic strength by owning two businesses in the city and employing city residents.

Roland Taylor

Roland Taylor "just wanted to get involved and improve Victoria" by running for mayor of Victoria.

He says his primary concern is creating "a clean downtown place to walk daytime or nighttime, and [getting] the people off the streets."

To create a safer downtown, Taylor proposes an expanded police presence.

"Things are happening to our young kids today that could be prevented," Taylor said.

His plan includes plain clothes police and unmarked police cars to "keep an eye on things."

Taylor thinks that homeless people should be allowed to erect tents, although he stipulates that it's important to develop more permanent housing as well.

"We're getting a lot of new beds now ... we're getting action. Something's being done, and I'm satisfied with that," he said.

Taylor suggests that Victoria's bylaws need updates to keep up with the growing population. He stated that large trucks making major deliveries in the downtown core should only be able to deliver at night to prevent traffic congestion and make the core easier to walk around.

Taylor has worked with juveniles in detention and the Schizophrenic Society. The 2008 municipal election is the former correctional officer's first attempt at elected office.

Saul Andersen

The housing problem in Victoria is Saul Andersen's number one issue.

If elected, Andersen said he will first stop the appeal on the supreme court's tent housing ruling, and pressure the provincial government to fund housing projects.

"You have to call up the provincial government and say, 'Hey, we've got to start building some housing. We need the money, and you guys have got the money,'" Andersen said.

Andersen said his top four issues in this election are sewage treatment, water, food security and housing.

Andersen has been interested in the possibility of recapturing heat energy from sewage. He said that increased local farming initiatives such as boulevard farming were vital for the Island.

"Homelessness isn't even on the agenda, because theoretically there shouldn't be homelessness," he said. "There's a lot of other stuff that we're ignoring because we're focusing on [homelessness] ... it's a symptom of a capitalist economy gone awry."

According to Andersen's website, he supports a "more cohesive, client-driven, results-based regional strategy" to homeless aid.

Andersen, a former student of political economy at Simon Fraser University, describes his politics as having an "anti-corporate agenda."

"Some people want to call [my political beliefs] 'responsible freedom' because [the term] 'anarchist' scares people," he said.

Andersen said it was his job as a taxi driver that got him into politics.

"People would be in my cab, bitching about something, and I'd say 'Well, when I'm Prime Minister, I'll fix that'."

Steve Filipovic

In the 2005 provincial election, Steve Filipovic ran as a Green candidate. He said his values line up with the party and he considers himself a Green. Now, he wants to improve things closer to home.

Regarding housing, one of his major issues, Filipovic said he is in a unique position to understand the issue, as he runs a carpentry and renovation business. He outlined plans for two major housing-related issues: homelessness and rental housing.

Filipovic sees "no other short-term solution" regarding tent cities. He said that a tent city — not necessarily in Beacon Hill Park — needs support like showers, washroom facilities and fresh water access.

Filipovic sees rental housing as a long-term solution to homelessness and also a necessary move to increase Victoria's general housing stock for residents — like students. He also said that building rental housing offers an opportunity to make sustainable improvements to house design.

Filipovic's other major area of concern is sustainability.

"There are a lot of different things we could be doing to lower our carbon footprint," he said.

Main areas of improvement for him are sustainable housing design, bike-friendly improvements to roads and paths, and a more effective transit system.

"We have to create incentives for getting people out of their cars," Filipovic said. He also advocates late-night bus services where the demand exists.

Filipovic was born in the Fernwood area and grew up in Saanich. He said working with his father as a house builder and carpenter gave him the tools to tackle Victoria's housing issues. He lives with his wife and daughter in Vic West.

Kristen Woodruff

For an in-depth profile on Kristen Woodruff, see p. 7 of the Oct. 30 issue of the Martlet.

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City council candidate speaks to youth of Victoria

Doug Hamilton-Evans

Nineteen-year-old Simon Nattrass isn't worried about not being taken seriously as a candidate for city councillor in the November 15 Victoria municipal election.

Nattrass's candidacy has benefited from his work with local community groups, and increased media attention for his many ideas for the city of Victoria. And while some voters might dismiss him as a novelty candidate in light of his youth, Nattrass is determined to see his campaign through to the end.

"When I was interviewed by David Lennam on CFAX, I was treated as a legitimate candidate because I was saying something worthwhile," said Nattrass.

Nattrass initially threw his name into the political ring as a mayoral candidate after reading a three-page spread in Monday Magazine about the lack of worthwhile candidates.

"I figured, I'll do it," said Nattrass. "It started as a lark, but as I spoke to community organizations and city councillors, I realized that Victoria has some serious flaws and I wanted to do something."

Nattrass says that although he previously dismissed politics as boring, he has come to the conclusion that the municipal level is the most important level of government, as it deals with the people most directly.

Nattrass withdrew his name from the mayoral race, however, citing financial reasons and poor odds for winning. He believes he can make a bigger impact now that he's running for a seat on the city council.

"It can cost around $20,000 dollars to run for mayor, and despite whatever good ideas a person may have, if you don't look and feel like a mayor, you're not going to become the mayor," he said.

Nattrass eschewed a formal education for a political life, teaching himself history, political theory and economics.

He says he started his education four years ago, beginning with the history of revolutionary Europe and Latin America, and followed the rabbit-trail of citations and references on to political science, economics and other fields.

Nattrass is currently re-reading *The Economy of Cities* by Jane Jacobs, who is "the single greatest economist" in his opinion.

The young candidate identifies his most immediate concerns for the city as affordable housing and homelessness — two issues he sees as inextricably linked. However, he says that the most omnipresent problems with Victoria are the lack of communication, co-operation and definition.

"There are many community organizations in Victoria that deal with the homeless, but none of them talk to each other, none of them co-operate and they have to fight for funding," he said.

Nattrass wants the city to help such organizations co-operate by creating an umbrella organization that can help them find funding and increase their efficiency.

He also wants the roles and responsibilities of the city more clearly defined in relation to the provincial government. Nattrass sees a gap between what the city can do and what the province will do in certain cases.

"The province puts responsibilities on the city, but then won't provide funding," Nattrass said. "If the province won't deal with homelessness in Victoria, give us the funding to do so. The city is the most logical place to deal with it."

Nattrass views the student youth of Victoria as a resource that should be better tapped and represented. He says Victoria has to become more exciting, more affordable and more capable of offering better career opportunities in order to stimulate the local economy by retaining students after graduation.

"Students are an investment," Nattrass said. "The government gives them loans in the hope that they will contribute more to the local economy in the future than they could without an education. It's a loss of investment if they leave after graduation to contribute to another economy."

Speaking directly to the youth of Victoria, Nattrass urges them to get involved in municipal politics.

"The decisions that most affect your lives are made by the generation above you," he said. "[Approximately] 13.5 per cent of registered voters decided the fate of our city last election."

Nattrass also says he wants more from the youth than just their vote. He wants them to pay attention, look at the headlines and attend council meetings. He affirms that it's in those council meetings that youth can have their say and hold elected officials accountable for their decisions.

"Democracy fails and becomes oligarchy when participation ends," he said.

To learn more about Nattrass' campaign, visit his website at www.voteforsimon.com.

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Simon Nattrass stepped down as mayoral candidate to run for council.

Small field of Saanich mayoral candidates talk about sustainability

Kat Eschner

Harald Wolf

Real sustainable development and the feeling of community top the agenda of Saanich mayoral candidate Harald Wolf.

"We can't have a collective vision if we can't even identify the community we're in," Wolf said. "Saanich has a good reputation of having been well-managed, and it's an incredibly great place to live, but ... the changes that are coming are going to require much more nimble thinking."

Wolf cited his frustration with the current municipal process as his reason for getting into politics.

"We've got change coming," he said. "I figured, somebody's got to stand up and try to provide leadership to speak to that change."

His campaign website, WolfWeb.ca, offers the details of his platform, including his belief that the best way for a community to adapt to large-scale change is to act on a municipal level.

"Saanich has done a wonderful job convincing everybody that they are on top of the climate change file, but I'm finding it's mostly window dressing," Wolf said. "We live on an island that imports 95 per cent of its food and 95 per cent of its energy, and we dump everything in the landfill. We've got a long way to go before we even come close to being sustainable."

Among his top priorities is infrastructure improvement.

"I've lived in the community for 12 years and I don't see any fewer cars on the road. I don't see Mckenzie becoming a more pedestrian and cycle-friendly corridor," Wolf said. "We have to start planning like people matter, and people's mobility comes first — not automotive mobility"

Wolf, who was born in Germany and raised in Montreal, moved to Saanich with his family in 1994. He has a degree in geology from Concordia University. He has two children, one of whom is attending UVic's education program.

Frank Leonard

Mayoral incumbent Frank Leonard has been involved in municipal politics for 22 years. He was first elected mayor in 1996.

"I find it rewarding because you can work with a community, make a difference and see that difference in your own backyard," said Leonard.

He said his four pillars going into this election are public safety, community health, sustainability and a balanced budget sheet.

"Chairing a police board is a significant responsibility that the mayor has," said Leonard. "Public safety also includes fire and disaster preparedness."

Regarding community health, Leonard said improvement of existing parks and multi-use trails was a priority. He also said that continuing Lochside Trail through Gordon Head into UVic's existing trail system is a goal.

Leonard also said that a vital part of sustainability is the upkeep and improvement of infrastructure.

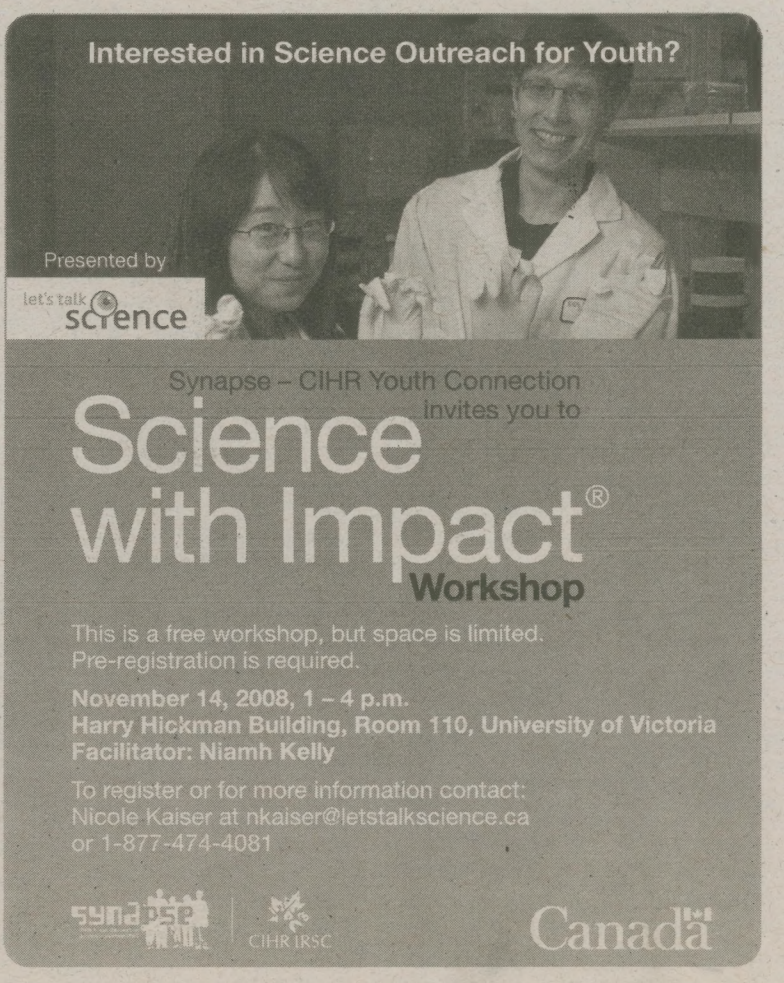
"We've put an awful lot of money under the ground ... so that the next generation inherits the municipality in as good or better shape than we found it," Leonard said.

In terms of maintaining a balanced municipal budget, Leonard said that the path Saanich is on now is sound, and that the municipality should continue to be aware of a rapidly changing economic climate.

Originally from Vancouver, Leonard moved to Saanich at the age of 15.

Leonard managed three Kal-Tire stores before becoming involved with politics.

His webpage can be found through the Saanich municipal site.



EDITORIAL

Scarves wrapped with meaning

A warm neck is a healthy neck, and judging by the numbers of scarves on display around campus these days, there are a lot of people with chilly throats. But who knew that a simple piece of cloth could cause controversy? It can.

The latest trend in urban wear is the keffiyeh, a square-shaped cloth that can be worn as a headdress, a turban or a scarf. Whether imported from the furthest reaches of Pakistan, or manufactured in a nearby American assembly line, it seems that everyone and their mother has jumped on board with this new scarf fad.

Chances are, the average person you see walking around UVic wearing a keffiyeh has no idea what it means. Maybe these people think their fashion statement is "pretty" or "nice." Maybe they think it's comfy, or they want to match their friends. But they're probably blissfully ignorant of the contentious and controversial issues surrounding this fashion accessory — or just what kind of statement they really are making.

Originally designed in ancient Mesopotamia, the keffiyeh is designed to protect the wearer from the arid conditions of the desert. Worn around the face and wrapped around the shoulders, it shields the face and neck from sand and sun. However, over the course of history, it has taken a much larger cultural significance.

In the 1930s, the keffiyeh became a symbol of Palestinian nationalism during the Arab revolt, a conflict that cost thousands of lives and lasted nearly three years.

These days, the keffiyeh is considered the trademark symbol for Yasser Arafat. He was rarely seen without his peculiarly arranged black-and-white scarf, which was thrown over his right shoulder and folded to resemble the territory claimed by Palestine.

Most people would recognize the keffiyeh from the movie Lawrence of Arabia, where Peter O'Toole portrays the British soldier T.E Lawrence during World War I. In the 1920s, many film and theatre actors began to incorporate keffiyehs into their wardrobes, as Arabs were considered allies in the Great War.

Other Westerners have showed their support for Palestine through wearing keffiyehs, including Trent Reznor in his music video "Survivalism."

The problem is, just like the Che Guevera t-shirts, the Ying Yang necklaces and the often misspelled foreign language tattoos people sport, nobody knows what the keffiyeh really means.

In 2007, Cameron Diaz showed up in Peru with a bag imprinted with the words "Serve the People" printed in Chinese characters. The phrase is considered one of the most famous political slogans of Mao Zedong, the former leader of the Chinese Communist Party. Diaz, oblivious to this fact, had no idea that Zedong's followers were responsible for a deadly campaign of bombings and massacres in Peru that cost nearly 70,000 people their lives. The ensuing outrage was completely justified, and totally her fault.

Wearing a keffiyeh, though it may not be as offensive as Diaz's ignorance, could still be interpreted the wrong way. Recently, a Dunkin Donuts ad starring Rachel Ray was yanked when people commented that her scarf resembled a keffiyeh. Urban Outfitters used to offer keffiyehs, but discontinued the product when consumers complained.

If you want to give a shout-out to Palestine, or if Arafat's your bud, then wearing a keffiyeh makes perfect sense. If your Victoria suburb is particularly sandy or hot, then definitely go for it. But if you're buying a keffiyeh just because it matches your blouse, it might be time to think again — or at least consider the statement.

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IT'S SUB-TASTIC

JENNIFER ZHOU GRAPHIC

LETTERS

YPY respects freedom

Youth Protecting Youth does not "hide [its] position in clever word-choices" ("YPY is duplicitous", October 15).

Let me be quite clear: YPY holds that human life should be respected from the moment of conception; that abortion takes an innocent human life; and that abortion is therefore gravely wrong. However, YPY also respects freedom of choice and does not advocate for recriminalization of abortion.

Respecting peoples' freedom to choose does not mean that one must agree with the choices they make, and maintaining this distinction in an ethical discussion is clear thinking, not duplicity.

Mr. Armstrong suggests that we have moral obligations only to "law[s] passed by elected officials" rather than to any other standard.

Following his advice would mean unquestioning assent to unjust (but legal) discrimination against people based on race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, class and ethnicity. Having an "obligation to choose well" is simply another way of saying "do good and avoid evil" — even when lawmakers, custom, and powerful institutions tell you to do otherwise.

Monica Murphy
President, Youth Protecting Youth

Abortion attitudes wrong

This letter is in response to Steve Weatherbe's letter "YPY's agenda is not a secret."

Whether it is the YPY on our campus, or the Palin and McCain nightmare south of the border, this kind of anti-choice rhetoric and blatant disregard for the social, economic and political conditions under which many women make the difficult decision to have an abortion is distressingly common.

To focus so narrowly on this perceived notion of uncontrollable adolescent sexuality and irresponsibility is missing the point entirely. You construct the image of a woman who chooses to abort as young, promiscuous, unmarried and stupid. How dare you presume that all women who seek abortions do so simply in an attempt to "extend their adolescence with consequence-free sex."

The truth, Mr. Weatherbe, is that there are as many reasons to have an abortion as there are women who choose to abort.

Furthermore, your opinion that fetuses are "unborn children" is a perfect example of fetal personhood constructed in opposition to women's rights. The time at which life actually begins is not something that can be determined and proven. Individuals choose when to believe that life begins based on their own worldview, scientific understanding, and religious faith, among other factors.

It is unfair to presume that all women should have the same belief in when life begins as you do.

Criminalizing abortion does not stop abortion. It merely increases the rate at which women turn to dangerous and unsafe methods of pregnancy termination, often jeopardizing their own lives.

You state that a woman can terminate a fetus with "less legal restriction than is required to remove a wart." Flippant comments such as these are untrue and disrespectful.

Women's rights, including the right to reproductive choice, are human rights. We suggest that you read "Fetal Subjects and Feminist Positions" edited by Lynn M. Morgan and Meredith W. Michaels (available at the UVic library).

Jennafer Roberts
Alison Ashbury
UVic students

Cartoon was homophobic

I noticed you published a cartoon on Oct. 23 that ends with the exceedingly witty punch line: "Ya, keanu reeves was pretty gay."

That's pretty funny. Right up there with "ya he's pretty ...disabled/Negro/Native/fem." Makes me laugh for sure.

I would hope that the Marlet had higher standards. For those of you who are thinking yeah, whatever, it's a joke, go to your equity website and read about how casual jokes like this communicate a tolerance for homophobia.

Kids in my daughter's grade four class used to play a game at lunch time — "Stand up if you think so and so is gay." When asked, they didn't know what gay was. They just knew it was funny and you shouldn't be one. Ha ha.

Silvia Vilches
Community member

Get up and vote

Re: Trouble at the Polling Booth

It seems especially ironic that, with Remembrance Day approaching, Canadians complain about having to wait in line to vote.

Often, the "respect those that died for your freedoms" rhetoric seems to be just that: empty rhetoric. But the fact remains that thousands of Canadians have fought and died for the rights and freedoms that we enjoy, and millions around the world only wish they had what we have. In light of this, it is sad that anyone would bellyache about having to stand in line.

The polls are open for twelve hours; even if one is in class or working, there's still time. Besides, if something is important, you make time. Is seven o'clock too early? If veterans could be bothered to drag themselves up Juno Beach, you can be bothered to drag yourself out of bed. It's the least you can do.

Allan Ferguson
Community member

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MELODRAMATIC MUSINGS

Becoming an adultescent

Will Johnson

I have never been in a rush to grow up.

Maybe it started when I failed kindergarten. I was a December baby, and as the other children towered above me, I mostly kept to myself.

Playing in the corner with my DUPLO, I refused to speak unless I had a couple moist building blocks lodged in my cheeks — I seemed to enjoy the moist clacking noise it made when I attempted to speak.

Maybe it really started when I decided to stretch my Grade 12 over two years, giving myself an extra stint before graduation.

By the time I'd reached the lofty summit of secondary school, I was so comfortable and secure in my surroundings that I saw no need to rush into the real world. Instead, I enrolled in some extra university prerequisites and took advantage of another year with the family car, my rent-free existence and a full refrigerator.

Even once I'd received my diploma, it was months before I considered getting a job.

(My initial debut in the workforce was as a full-serve attendant at my local Shell station.)

I waited a year before I headed off to post-secondary, and even then I spent four years dropping in and out of college. I was afforded the luxury of questioning what direction I wanted to take with my life, and why.

What was the big hurry, anyway?

MARC JUNKER GRAPHIC

One day, while I was visiting home, my dad threw a newspaper at me and told me to read the main article. It was about a new classification of people, an entire generation of 20-somethings who seemed hesitant to embrace the lifestyles of their parents. A new name had been coined for this group: adultescents.

The definition of an adultescent, according to Dictionary.com, is simple: a middle-aged person who wants to be associated with youth culture and whose choices in clothing, activities and life reflect this — also known as a kidult.

"Thirty is the new 20," the article said.

Though it had never occurred to me before, I instantly recognized my place in this group. Here was an entire subspecies of humanity devoted to taking things slowly. These people weren't interested in starting careers or families. Rather, they were too caught up with fancy technological toys and the consumption of popular culture.

In a 2004 article in the New York Times, John Tierney described an adultescent as "too busy playing Halo 2 on his Xbox or watching SpongeBob at his parents' house to think about growing up."

There has not been a sociological shift like this since the invention of the teenager — back in the days of James Dean and *Rebel Without a Cause*. Before this era, it seems you were either considered a "child" or a "grown-up." No one had considered the awkward in-between time of adolescence. Once the term "teenager" was coined, the world was never the same.

Now, adultescents are changing the way we see our society. We've questioned our parents' path, watched the dissolution of their marriages and the soul-sucking downward spiral of the Monday to Friday, nine-to-five existence. We're ready to ask questions like "isn't there more to life than this?" and "why should I grow up?"

Maybe I want to spend a year abroad. Maybe I want to explore my options before spending the rest of my life with one person. Maybe I don't want to be a wage slave for the rest of my life, and would rather live in a basement suite than be tied to mortgage payments.

Sure, I have friends who are married. I have friends making huge salaries, working awesome jobs. A couple have even squeezed out babies, and are enjoying their lives as parents. Meanwhile, here I am, single, on the verge of my 24th birthday, neck-deep in student debt with only half of my undergraduate degree completed.

But do I really envy everybody else? No.

I have my whole life ahead of me. If I want to, I can still move to strange places, do crazy things, experiment with drugs or spend a decade in university. I can try different jobs and date whoever I feel like, even if it's a flighty lesbian wanderer who disappears into the Middle East whenever she feels like it.

Some people call it Peter Pan syndrome. Some people say we're all slackers and degenerates, taking advantage of the freedom our forebears afforded us.

I say adultescents are the ones who are fully embracing life, and forging a lifestyle that will be the way of the future.

WAR OF WORDS

Should Youth Protecting Youth receive funding?

David Karp and Amy Smith

Clubs council has voted to deny the pro-life group Youth Protecting Youth funding.

On Nov. 3, YPY hoped the UVSS would overturn this decision. but they were rejected. Though YPY still officially has club status, it will not receive any financial backing.

There are strong advocates on either side of this controversial argument. While some feel the UVSS shouldn't financially support a group that does not believe in a woman's right to choose, others feel that denying funding is denying a freedom of belief and speech — which raises the question: should Youth Protecting Youth receive funding?

David Karp: There is no doubt for me that Youth Protecting Youth should receive funding. It is not the role of the student union to play morality police.

The work that Youth Protecting Youth does may be offensive to many students — perhaps even to the majority of students. But clubs exist to serve minorities. I would suspect the majority of UVic students eat meat and eggs, but we still fund the UVic Vegan club. Hundreds of students turned out last year to oppose Students Against War's campaign to get the military banned from the SUB, but we still fund them. Why? Because we understand that these clubs are important to some of our colleagues and friends, even if we find them unappealing, ridiculous, or even offensive.

For the majority to come along and say, "We don't think what you do is worthwhile, so we're going to revoke your funding," is pretentious, elitist and wrong.

Amy Smith: It is very important that the Youth Protecting Youth club be allowed to function on campus for the very reason that they have a right to pursue their beliefs — no one's denying them anything but money.

There is no other club operating on campus who has an agenda to change the state of human rights. The UVic Vegan club doesn't stand to affect a change at the legal level that would disallow people to eat tuna melts.

The initiative to ban the army from appearing at UVic was put to a democratic-style vote, and those who cared about the right to host army representatives for information and recruitment purposes won that vote. A vote could be put to this issue, but I think it would reveal a lack of sympathy toward the revoked funding of the club.

Though YPY may disagree, Canadian law does not recognize a fetus as a person with rights, but does see women as such. It is counterproductive to fund a club that lobbies for a change that most students and Canadians would oppose.

David Karp: Most Canadians oppose recognizing rights for fetuses? The polls disagree. Recent data shows Canadians have mixed feelings. A 2006 poll by Environics, for example, found only one third of respondents said human life should be protected from birth onwards — 64 per cent wanted to protect it earlier.

Youth Protecting Youth isn't the only UVic club taking a controversial stand on human rights or legal issues. Students for a Free Tibet campaigns for changes in China's approach to human rights, despite this being a sensitive issue for many Chinese Canadians. UVic Fair Vote wants a single transferrable vote system, despite losing a referendum on the issue. Hempology 101 flouts the law by smoking pot Wednesday afternoons. Funding these clubs is useful — even if we disagree with them — because it supports a diversity of views, rather than trying to silence minorities.

The UVSS has the ability to deny funding to Youth Protecting Youth. But by revoking Youth Protecting Youth's funding, they're simply a majority making decisions on behalf of a minority. I suspect that's not a concept that would jibe with most pro-choicers. In a democracy, the majority have the ability to limit a woman's right to choose, but should they? Ironically, it's the same concept here.

Amy Smith: If it's rights issues that put certain clubs in a controversial light, then surely the objectives of these clubs should be properly identified. It is progressive reforms such as this that would see proportional representation for voting in Canada.

A more effective way to understand and control the use and distribution of marijuana would replace gang activity, and the effort to recognize a free Tibet is serving to expand the freedoms of different people.

The worst-case end result of pro-choice groups succeeding in changing the rights of women is that victims of rape and incest would no longer control the consequences of their victimization. This is not just a contentious political or drug-use matter, but one of rights over an individual's body.

In our Canadian democracy, we have not yet limited a woman's right to choose on this issue, nor should we. Those who can find a way to draw a line between progressive and regressive endeavors may not see the UVSS's decision to revoke funding as the tyranny of the majority.

In the microcosm of campus, can we allow monetary support for clubs that strive for limiting rights?

The UVSS is not trying to remove fundamental rights from anyone, whereas the Youth Protecting Youth club is.

Remembered and celebrated

Transgendered day of awareness brings the struggle to light

Words by Auden Cody Neuman
Illustration by Jennifer Zhou

A man with salt-and-pepper hair and a black jacket pauses outside the lit-up windows of the Cornerstone Café. It's after eight on a Thursday night in the final days of October. I see him peer through the glass, then watch as he reads the signs posted on the door: "Café Closed," "Trans-Action Meeting here!" Lights from the Fernwood Inn and the Belfry Theater illuminate this junction of Fernwood square. The clatter-crash of a kitchen next door drifts in through the walls.

Inside the café, 17 bodies sit in a circle on chairs, couches and laps. Hands clutch steaming coffee mugs, the late-night caffeine a telltale sign of activism at work. Laughter bubbles as people chatter and bound ideas around. This is TransAction, a community-based activist group dedicated to bringing awareness of transgender-related issues to Victoria.

"Maybe he wants to join us," a friend says, referring to the curious lurker outside. Perhaps he does, though even as this thought is voiced his figure vanishes into the night.

TransAction is an eclectic bunch — the campus fauna of students, TAs and instructors mingles with members of the broader community. There's an age spread of 20- to 50-somethings and a mix of genders and sexualities too diverse to name.

I sip black coffee as the group's chatter draws my attention. The Trans Day of Remembrance (TDOR), to be held at Centennial Square on Nov. 20, is mere weeks away; there is much to do.

TransAction formed this September as an offshoot of the former on-campus trans advocacy group, Trans-Alliance. In November 2007, Trans-Alliance organized Victoria's first TDOR in collaboration with the Women's Centre, the Pride Collective and the Anti-Violence Project.

TDOR is an international event, and began in San Francisco in 1999. The existence of a Victoria TDOR in 2007 brought awareness of trans-gender issues and a sense of community to many people's lives.

"Personally, it helped me meet a bunch of trans people and allies who have supported and helped me in my journey," says Ryan Chapman, TransAction member and former Trans-Alliance member.

Like Remembrance Day, TDOR is a memorial. Nov. 20 is a day for pause and reflection to honor the brave souls lost to anti-transgender violence. But unlike more traditional days of remembrance, TDOR reflects upon a battle still raging, an age-old conflict that leaves an ever-growing list of fallen soldiers: the victims of transphobic hatred.

Tasha Dunn: the name topping the list of the dead.

Beside her name is a chilling #1, a digit that kicks off a kind of staccato rhythm in my head — #1 Tasha Dunn, #2 Jacqueline Julita Anderson, #3 Leslie Re'Geanne, #4 Regina Haskins, #5 Karla (José Alexis) Barrahona... all the way to #237 Ruby Molina.

Dunn has a story to tell. On Valentine's Day 1998, she lay slain and shoeless in a vacant lot in Sulphur Springs, a district of Tampa, Florida. She had been bludgeoned to death. Tampa Police claimed to know no motive, and her murder went unsolved. Yet Dunn is not silent — she speaks across a decade. Her body is her message. She was impoverished, a sex worker, possibly homeless. And she was transgendered.

Targeted for a potent intersection of class, gender and sexuality, Dunn was vulnerable to gender-based violence. Hers is the first name on a list compiled on the International TDOR website (www.transgenderdor.org), a growing headcount of those lost since 1998. But first on the list doesn't mean first ever — Dunn's is not the only broken body to speak this story.

It started before Dunn lost her shoes, before the gender warriors of Stonewall rioted against the New York Police, before Richard von Krafft-Ebing violated transman Sandor V. in the name of medical science and wrote his monster-making text, *The Psychopathia Sexualis*. It begins before words like transsexual or transgender found their way into language. It begins before heroes like Leslie Feinberg or Susan Stryker or Riki Wilchins went to war with their pens and their ink and their bodies for trans and gender rights. It begins wherever I look.

I find it where Aristotle strikes manhood from the male slave and womanhood from the female slave to justify their captivity. I find it where British imperialism constructs colonized men as effeminate or hyper-masculine, and colonized women as passive or oversexed to justify conquest and rule, and where the Bush administration recycles the same dialogues to justify imperialist wars. I find it in the American Psychological Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders which, to this day, justifies corrective therapy for gender variant children to prevent them from growing up gay.

This story is everywhere and it's not just about trans people. It's about men and women, girls and boys, cross-dressers, drag performers, intersexuals, gays, lesbians and bisexuals, queers, sissies and tomboys, dykes and faggots, trannies and androgynes, heterosexuals and hockey players and police officers and firemen and couture models. It's about anyone who's had to learn the rules of gender, or who's suffered the injustices that come with stepping outside of them.

Dialogues of improper gender are the cruel tools of history that define who is worthy of autonomy, respect, independence, self-determination, liberty, citizenship, safety, personhood and life.

Just ask #13 Rita Hester, whose shadowy presence gives this story shape.

Hester died in Boston of multiple stab wounds on Nov. 28, 1998. She was attacked in her apartment and died in a hospital. Hester had lived 10 years as a woman, and had feminized her body through surgery, yet both mainstream and gay media sources dismissed her as a cross-dressing man, a pervert, a prostitute and a freak. Like Dunn's, Hester's murder remains unsolved.

Yet, from the memory of this crime came a movement: shortly after Hester's death, Gwendolyn Ann Smith of San Francisco began the Remembering Our Dead project; an online memorial for those killed by anti-transgender violence and medical neglect. The project is a call to arms.

"We have lost so many people in our community to the hand of hatred and [prejudice], yet we still are not seemingly willing to fight back," Smith wrote in 1999. "Meanwhile, we die at the hands of a lover, of police, of medical practitioners, and even parents, while the news media calls us 'freaks' — and worse ... will we be willing to bear yet another century of violence and hatred aimed at those who do not so easily wear 'man' or 'woman'? The San Francisco community of the late '90s was not willing. On Nov. 20, 1999, eight days short of a year when Hester died, a candlelight vigil was held in her honor. This was the first TDOR.

Now an international event in its 10th year, TDOR memorializes those who have been killed. In addition, it draws attention to the violence faced by transgender and gender variant people and the lack of satisfactory coverage of this violence in media.

On Sept. 21, 2008, the 237th name appeared on the International TDOR's list of the dead. The body of a 22-year-old transwoman, Ruby Molina, was discovered in the Sacramento River. Molina's death brings the total for 2008 up to 19 thus far. As Victoria's second annual TDOR

draws near, the memory of Rita Hester continues to call for an end to this violence and hate.

A. Turje reclines in the sun in front of the Student Union Building doors at UVic. They — a chosen gender-neutral pronoun — have a picket sign propped against their knees. Books, photocopied readings and a mug with dried coffee at the bottom surrounds them. Turje is six feet of dark-haired genderqueer in a black hoody; sharp eyes peer from behind large glasses above a devilish grin.

Turje, like Chapman, was a member of Trans-Alliance before helping to form TransAction, the more "punk rock" version of the group. Turje also emceed the Anti-Queer Bashing (AQB) Rally that took place on campus on March 25, 2008.

"We [members of Trans-Alliance] realized that a ridiculous amount of people had died since TDOR," says Turje. "One event just wasn't enough."

Turje points out that queer-bashing and trans-bashing are part and parcel of the same.

"Gay bashings are purported to be based on sexuality, yet queer people are often targeted because they display traits of gender non-conformity," Turje says. "Meanwhile, people who are gender-variant are read as sexually deviant. You can't differentiate between the two when it comes to violence."

The AQB Rally was a direct response to the death of Lawrence King. On Feb. 12, 2008, less than three months after TDOR, the 15-year-old was shot at E. O. Green Junior High in California. King was targeted for his gender expression and sexual identity. Having come out as gay at age 10, he bravely began presenting at school in dresses, high heels and makeup approximately a month before his murder. King's killer was 14-year-old Brandon McInerney.

"[Turje] and I were saddened and outraged at King's death," says Chapman, who also helped organize the AQB Rally. "The more research we did the more we became convinced an event had to happen."

Chapman describes the rally, which occurred at the Petch fountain in front of McPhearson, as "an embodiment of our outrage at the violence that gender-variant people experience."

The March event consisted of speeches, a die-in, a gender analysis workshop, a screening of Gwen Haworth's film, *She's a Boy I Knew* (2007) and a community art project to record experiences of genderism and gender or sexuality-based violence.

According to Chapman, community ties created at TDOR 2007 helped make the rally possible.

"We had allies and gender-variant people and community members speak out about deaths and legal cases and personal experiences," said Chapman. "For me it was a very different experience than TDOR, where I still felt isolated and alone."

Violence is not the only challenge faced by trans and gender-variant people. Misunderstanding and discrimination in institutional and public settings places barriers in the way of safe and healthy living.

TJ Naven, a trans activist whose work has included organizing TDOR events in Ontario and helping Égale Canada in efforts to create a national trans resource directory, says violence is only part of the picture.

"Suicide, self-harm, addiction, lack of resources and education, and lack of access to housing, medical care and employment are all common in the trans community," Naven says.

These factors contribute to a sense of a lost older generation. In Victoria, the face of trans activism is often the face of youth. Danna Waldman, a TransAction member in her 50s, cites the statistics she learned from trans academic Dr. Viviane Namaste.

"AIDS is an organic factor in removing trans men and women in my age group through isolation, hospitalization, disease-induced suicide and death," Waldman says. "There are [HIV] infection rates of up to 100 per cent in North American cities among trans sex trade workers."

Medical, penal and law enforcement institutions are further sites of discrimination, says Waldman.

"Transfolk are dying in hospitals and prisons due to institutionalized neglect and punishment," Waldman states, calling to memory the case of Tyra Hunter, who died in 1995 after being denied medical care by paramedics because she was trans. "In the case of incarceration of both pre and post-op trans women in male prisons, they are refused access to life-and-death medical necessities, like dilators and hormones."

The reality intersecting the sites of discrimination in the lives of many trans people cannot be ignored. Limited access to jobs, education and housing places people on the streets or in the sex industry, increasing their vulnerability to violence, addiction, suicide, HIV/AIDS, punitive legal action and the ravages of poverty.

Racism in anti-trans violence also cannot be ignored, as many of the names on the Remembering Our Dead website recall. A high percentage of those targeted, including Hester and Hunter, were trans people of colour.

"We can't disconnect the oppression that trans people face from the oppression of all marginalized groups," Naven says.

Combating violence against gender-variant people is the main purpose of TDOR, yet this is not its only goal. Representation, visibility, awareness and community are also key issues. TransAction dedicates itself towards these goals.

Victoria TDOR 2008 will not be only a day of remembrance, but two weeks of celebration, education and memorial for local gender-variant people and their friends, families and allies.

"I'm excited about the number of events we're having," says Chapman. "There will be public events to create greater awareness and visibility, but this year we have an awareness of safety leading to more private events as well, where people can come to experience safer spaces without outing themselves to a broader community."

In the events that span a period from Nov. 7 to Nov. 22, there will be an open mic night, workshops on zine-making, gender analysis and safer spaces, a movie night, an All Bodies Wrestle & Swim and, of course, the vigil at Centennial Square on Nov. 20.

TDOR and trans and gender advocacy are not just for people who identify as transgendered, transsexual or genderqueer.

"Gender affects us all; we are all limited and contained by it," Turje says. "This is about every boy who feels humiliated when his mom asks him to hold her purse, or every girl who feels pressure to stop playing sports. It's about power imbalances in dating that might expose a woman to rape. It's about so many things."

Turje emphasizes that the more we interrogate the ways gender controls our lives, the more we will be able to imagine a world where we will have the freedom to express all sides of ourselves without fear. If there is a message that the bodies of the 237 speak, a lesson in this long history of gender violence, then surely this is it.

History needs to claim no further souls to make its message clear. By the light of the candles on Nov. 20, may a prayer be said and a determination made for the 237 to rest in peace at last.

TDOR 2008 week of events in Victoria

Nov. 7: Cornerstone Open Mic at the Cornerstone Café, 1301 Gladstone Avenue. Begins as 7 p.m., cover by donation. Gender variant people and allies are encouraged to speak in their own voices through their songs, stories and poems.

Nov. 11: All Bodies Wrestle & Swim, location and time TBA. An evening of good clean physical fun where all bodies are welcomed and celebrated. Hosted by Queer Wrestling Victoria. Join the Facebook group for further details.

Nov. 14: Zinemaking and Storytelling Work(Play)shop at 7 p.m. the Camas Bookstore, 2590 Quadra Street. Individuals are encouraged to share their stories and listen to the stories of others by helping construct a zine to be distributed at the TDOR rally on Nov. 20.

Nov. 15: Film screening of ***Georgie Girl*** (2002), directed by Annie Goldson and Peter Wells. Held at the Eric Martin Pavilion, 2328 Trent Street, at 7 p.m. Event co-sponsored by Movie Monday.

Nov. 20: Trans Day of Remembrance Rally from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Centennial Square in downtown Victoria. This event will include speeches, a candlelit vigil and a reading of the names of the dead. Following the event, attendees will be invited to decompress over hot beverages at a location to be announced.

Nov. 22: Day of workshops at UVic, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. with room numbers TBA. The workshops will include a Creating Safer Spaces workshop and a Gender Analysis workshop, among possible others.

Updated event details can be found by searching "Trans Day of Remembrance" on Facebook, or by e-mailing TransAction at transactionvictoria@gmail.com.

New club souds out UVic music

Jordan Burness

UVic's new music club only started at the beginning of this term, but it's already causing a stir on campus.

The club was the brain child of third-year student, Miles Waghray. Waghray created the club in an attempt to encourage UVic's student performers to embrace the music scene in Victoria and promote musical diversity. He also hopes to bring in bands from outside Victoria and organize larger scale concerts on campus.

"For a university the size of UVic, it's surprising that there's not more of a music scene," he said. "I hope that this new music club can bring many of the musicians at UVic together for events in Victoria. We also hope to provide an environment where students can showcase their music."

UVic's small scale can't compare with large universities like UBC, who host huge concerts like the Arts Country Fair festival.

Waghray has dreams of what the club he started could accomplish.

"We're starting small, but we have big plans for the music club," he said. "Hopefully we can soon see some big names headlining at UVic."

The new music club haven't let the Student Union Building strike or the strict rules about students playing instruments in the classrooms on campus discourage them. They have hosted open mic nights at the grad lounge, as well as several outdoor jam sessions on campus. Because of the popularity of the events and the co-operation of the grad lounge, the new music club plans to organize more events in the upcoming months.

> We hope to provide an environment where students can showcase their music.
>
> – Miles Waghray
> New music club president

The club has plans to align with the UVic surf club to organize joint fundraisers and concerts. Because the new music club has only received $100 in funding, events will act as fundraisers to defer costs, like renting equipment and paying performers.

"I'm really glad that the music club exists on campus and I think it's really bringing about opportunities for everyone to listen to great music at UVic," said Blake Enemarck, a musician at UVic.

The club hosts open mic nights every second Monday at the grad lounge. More information can be found on the new music club's Facebook group, which currently has 81 members.

VANESSA ANNAND PHOTO

VRDA volunteers (left to right) Jo Schoor, Barry Katzin and Sharon MacDonald help Colton MacLeod ride.

Riding therapeutic to disabled

Vanessa Annand

When I arrive at Forest Mere Equestrian Center on Tuesday morning, I expect it to be much like any other stable: teeming with teen girls in cutesy pink jodhpurs taking photos on their cell phones of indifferent ponies. Instead, I'm struck by the pervasive calm of the center, ensconced by old trees and tended only by a wheelbarrow-toting gentleman and his dog.

My host for the day, Sue Colgate, begins to talk saddles and schedules. The idyll will not last for long. As the co-ordinator of volunteers and administration for the Victoria Riding for the Disabled Association (VRDA), she has to organize a team of volunteers, horses and riders before 10 a.m.

As volunteers arrive they are assigned horses to groom and tack up. The volunteers range from retirees to 20-somethings, all lightly bantering and constantly moving. The horses are Fjords for the most part. This breed from Norway is known for its spikey mane, but more importantly, says Colgate, they are "quiet, sturdy, and not too big."

Lessons get underway, with a fair amount of time devoted to simply getting the riders mounted. The horses stand quietly between a ramp and a block, and while some children mount with ease onto the English saddles, others must be carefully hoisted out of wheelchairs.

Colgate talks knowledgeably about the various tack requirements, noting that a bareback pad with surcingles is more suitable than a traditional saddle for someone with spasticity problems and leg braces. To this end, there is a volunteer armed with a clipboard whose sole responsibility is to take notes about minute adjustments to tack for individual riders.

Most of the riders are attended by three volunteers: one to lead the horse, and one on each side to provide support and help interpret instructions.

Instructor Marlie Howe guides groups of four riders at a time through stretches, patterns and tasks, such as dropping a stuffed animal through a basketball hoop. She sings out the opening lines of "Head and shoulders, knees and toes," as a challenge to the children to test their balance by following along with the actions. There is much laughter, wobbling and encouragement on every side.

Although Colgate runs a tight ship, all is not well for the VRDA. A dearth of volunteers could cause problems when they add two extra morning sessions to their current schedule of lessons on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

"If the volunteers aren't there, the kids don't get to ride," says Colgate.

She is determined that the current waitlist of up to one year must be shortened, and the 150 riders they put in the saddle every year could be increased.

Volunteer Thelma Kooijman enthuses that the difference in the riders is noticeable — mobility is improved, and "stability is huge." Even if some riders are non-verbal, their body language shows their enjoyment, says Kooijman.

Howe says that she's seen a rider arrive in a wheelchair and leave with a walker after year's worth of lessons.

"The horse's movement mimics the human walk," Colgate said. "Very little therapy achieves that."

The only prerequisites for aspiring volunteers is that they be over 16 years of age and have a reasonable level of physical fitness, as most of their time will be spent walking alongside the horses. Training is provided in two-hour sessions at the start of each riding term in September, December and March.

Riding terms are 10 weeks long, and volunteers are asked to commit to a minimum of three hours a week for at least one term. Colgate stresses that pairing a volunteer with the same rider consistently speeds the therapy process.

Can a busy student fit this into their schedule? UVic student Laren Daniels thinks so. Her interest in physiotherapy has led her to work with many athletes, but she realized her focus was too narrow-minded, and she decided to gain some experience working with disabled people.

Overcoming her own fear of horses, she has found fulfillment in laughing with the riders and seeing them gain therapeutic advantages even when they're not aware of it. The only downside, says Daniels, is that getting to the centre can be tricky without a car.

Rider Cooper Wheeler summed it up well when asked what his favourite part of the lesson is. Wheeler says he doesn't laud the therapeutic benefits or the confidence boost it provides. He likes it best "when the horse is trotting and it takes that little leap."

Colgate and those at the VRDA hope that UVic students will take a leap of their own and join them in their efforts.

To fill out a volunteer form and get more information on upcoming events, visit the VRDA website at: http://members.shaw.ca/vrda.

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Masked bandits Raccoons take over music scene

Doug Hamilton-Evans

The Racoons struggle with names and identity.

On a whim this local band sometimes calls themselves Les Ratons Laveurs, which clumsily translates as "the Rat Bandits." Despite the confusion, their names have been circulating through the Victoria music scene this year based on their strong presence during live shows.

Influenced by bands such as TV on the Radio, Wolf Parade and the Handsome Furs, the Racoons force a crowd to move. Their sound is sometimes frenetic, often deep and layered, and alternates layers of analogue synthesizer and horns with singer Mathew Lyall's desperate yelps — but the backbone of their sound is always danceable.

The Racoons are known for their energetic and cacophonous live shows, often filling the Lucky Bar dance floor with multitudes of sweaty moving bodies.

Lyall and Murray Mckenzie share the writing responsibilities. Lyall plays guitar and sings, while Mckenzie plays guitar, but prefers to concentrate on synth.

"Sometimes I tire of guitar music," Mckenzie said. "I challenge myself to avoid playing it as much as possible."

The Racoons share a rhythm section with established Victoria group, the Paper Cranes. Alex Bodman plays a bass that makes even the most stubborn feet stomp, and Jeff Mitchelmore plays a minimalist drum kit.

"But [Mitchelmore] hits the fuck out of it," Mckenzie said.

The band just finished recording their first album, Islomania — a condition that acts out as an obsession with islands and plagued literary figures such as Herman Melville and Joseph Conrad. It's fitting for a band that calls Vancouver Island home. Recorded at the Living End studio with Jean-Paul Maurice and Ayden Knight, the album will have nine tracks — their entire live show.

"We hope to have it on iTunes and in local records stores pretty soon," Lyall said.

With the album, The Racoons experimented with layering brass, woodwind and synth to add a depth that they recreate at their live shows with real-time looping and sequencing.

"It was really exciting exploring different sounds and textures," Mckenzie said. "It's a difficult process, but worth the effort."

The Racoons will bring their textured sound to Lucky Bar on Nov. 18. They can also be found on their webside, at myspace.com/theracoonsmusic.

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Church to provide study space

Alison Wagner

Students in Victoria may have a new study space, if St. Luke's Parish Council forwards a motion to open their lounge to the academic public.

"We've heard there is a shortage of space, in coffeehouses and the like," said Rev. Peter J. Parker. "We have some college-age students who sit in on the parish meetings and they think it's a good idea."

St. Luke's, at the corner of Cedar Hill Road and Cedar Hill X, is one of the oldest churches in Victoria. Its quiet suburban location would give students a chance to relax and hit the books. The final decision has yet to be made, but the outlook is hopeful.

"There is a bit of a chicken-and-egg thing here; we can't know if it will work until we set it up, but it's risky to set up a whole infrastructure if it's not going to be used," said Parker.

If the idea goes through, there would be a number of services made available besides the room, such as parking spaces and a bike rack.

The church is working to set up wireless internet and provide power cords, which would enable students to plug in their laptops. Suggestions range from serving tea, coffee and water, to having a CD player with mild background music.

"Of course, if people want no noise except their own earbuds, hey, that's even better," said Parker.

Some nights the room wouldn't be available, pointed out Parker, but he said a schedule could be published.

While some students may prefer their usual hangouts, others might find that switching it up helps them maintain focus.

Margaret Weller, a student at UVic, says she doesn't study much off campus as she lives in the residence buildings. However, she's excited about the potential for an open study place for students.

"But if the church is happy to open their doors to students looking for a quiet place to study, with some advertising of the space they could probably attract a group," said Weller.

Parker says the parish is looking for feedback from the UVic student body to assess the current demand. Think it's a good idea? Send Parker an e-mail at canonp@shaw.ca.

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A new off-campus study space may be created at St. Luke's Parish.

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Open Space exhibit

What: The Language Lab
Where: Open Space, 510 Fort St.
When: Now until Nov. 8
How much: Free

Alison Wagner

John Henry Blatter has done something incredible — he has taken the voices of four immigrants, and turned them into art.

The Language Lab exhibit at Open Space in downtown Victoria is, in a word, unique.

Eight desks are arranged in two sections — each desk carries a CD player, headphones, a small lamp and a notebook. A laminated sheet at each desk indicates which language is on the disk. The room is silent, except for the music from the next exhibit. Viewers can seat themselves at the Japanese desk, put on the headphones, and listen.

A voice comes on calm and low, but the man enunciates each word clearly in both English and Japanese. His name is Fumiyaki. He is an artist from Japan. Immediately, it's easy to realize that this is not your standard language lesson.

Blatter's exhibit has given four immigrants — one each from Spain, Norway, Japan and Denmark — the chance to express their fears and worries about living in a new country. Fumiyaki, for example, wonders why everyone ignores him.

"It is hard to keep up with the conversation," he says. Listeners can hear the frustration in his voice.

Most of the phrases are meant for use on initial contact. "What is your name?" Namae wa nan desu ka. "Hello." Konnichiwa.

On the first page of the desk notebook, someone has written: "I'm not sure how much I'm learning here. I now feel the necessity." It brings to mind a friend of mine from Italy. I have never considered learning Italian, but I now feel the necessity. Perhaps she longs to speak in her native tongue and cannot, because it would separate her from the rest of us even as she tries to belong.

For everyone who leaves this exhibit, it's worth a return trip to meet each person, all of whom only want the chance to communicate and be heard. The Language Lab has given these people that chance. It has also given us the chance to listen.

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   The Chemistry Of Common Life (Matador)
5. DEERHOOF
   Offend Maggie (Kill Rock Stars)
6. EMILIANA TORRINI
   Me and Armini (Rough Trade)
7. CHAD VANGAALEN *
   Soft Airplane (Flemish Eye)
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Sue Johanson demonstrates what fallopian tubes look like (left) and shows off one of her favourite sex toys (right) during her visit to UVic on Oct. 30.

Bigger's not better, and we never told you: Johanson

Johanson's Oct. 30 lecture filled a UVic lecture hall past capacity, with students crunching together on the floor and in the stairwells just to see her speak.

Johanson was introduced to waves of applause and roaring cheers, the room alive with anticipatory giddiness. Throughout her lecture, Johanson was animated, gesticulating and gyrating as she delivered one hilarious anecdote and witticism after another.

Much of what Johanson says and does is a formulaic routine, tried, tested and true. Still, she is entertaining and enlightening. True to form she is every bit the legend you would expect to see. Nothing is off limits, no topic is too taboo. There is something for everyone and then some.

Theatrics aside, the larger undertone of her talk is serious and that is not lost on the audience. Her signature style, that well-honed combination of sincerity, shock and humour, is the reason she is so effective.

But even a world renowned expert has problems telling their children about the birds and the bees. Years ago, Johanson was quoted as saying "I don't care who you are, you can't talk to your own kids about sex."

"Yeah I still feel that way," Johanson said during her trip to UVic. "It just never seems to stop being uncomfortable for parents, I guess."

Despite her larger-than-life persona, in person Johanson exudes charisma and confidence, radiating a positive aura that envelops anyone near her. The fact that she is a grandmother is evident in the warmth and kindness she emmanates.

At her UVic appearance she was dressed entirely in black, save for a sharp red blazer adorned with her Order of Canada pin, an honor she was awarded in 2001.

Johanson travels alone. There is no entourage, no handlers — just her and her bag of toys.

"It keeps me young," she said.

Johanson's show is infamous for its use of props. Two of her longtime favourites are the painted wooden dolls she incorporates to illustrate sexual positions. Though she's used them for years, she has yet to give them personality.

"You know, I've never named them. I've never even thought of naming them," she mused.

Johanson believes that the media influences our perceptions of sexual health. Her general opinion on sexually transmitted diseases and infections is that they don't tend to make a comeback, but they do come and go in the press.

"Herpes, for example was replaced by HIV/AIDS. AIDS is declining, although I think that the statistics are about 50 per cent of newly diagnosed cases are doubling for people under 25 years of age," she said. "But you know what else is coming back? Syphilis. Now my problem with syphilis is that it [leaves] a high risk for HIV infection because the immune system is down and it's an open sore — and so that leaves you vulnerable."

When it comes to the controversy surrounding the Human Pamplona Virus (HPV) and injections being given to young girls in both Canada and the U.S., Johanson is weary.

"Better sex education is a much safer measure to initiate," she said, as well as the use of condoms.

One might think that in 24 years of talking about sex, Johanson must have encountered some censorship. But she's been lucky.

"It's never been a problem," Johanson said. "In the beginning there were certain words that I could not use but other than that, never a problem. There is a sex toy out that is one of my favourites. It's called Fukuoku and I had to pronounce it differently than it's meant to be. That was really the only thing."

Johanson first got into helping others with sex back in her nursing days, drawing inspiration from an article she had come across. In Sweden, a birth control clinic for youth had been successfully operating in the health room of a high school in the evenings, after regular school hours.

Already well aware of the desperate need of such a service for young people here in Canada, Johanson opened North America's first such clinic in Toronto's Don Mills Collegiate high school. In order to stock it, she would frequent a local hospital and "liberate" whatever materials she needed.

"The nurses knew me and would just turn a blind eye when I'd come in with my big plastic bags — anything not nailed down was mine," said Johanson.

What she does is, and always has been, a labour of love — and love it she does.

"I just love it all. I love radio. I love television, all of it. I love writing and I love doing all these talks," she said.

While Johanson no longer does her TV shows, she continues her lectures and is currently working on a new online communication forum which should also be up and running soon. For now there is a comprehensive website, www.talksexwithsue.com — well worth logging on to.

The show came to end after almost two full hours and Johanson gots her big "O" — a standing ovation much longer and louder than even her welcome. Johanson was visibly moved by the adulation, looking genuinely humbled as she cuped her tiny hands over her dropped jaw. And instantly the dirty old lady persona is gone, replaced by the sweet little unassuming granny once again.

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Canseco pitches baseball memoirs

Jose Canseco
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Canseco's first book, *Juiced,* was like an electromagnetic pulse bomb set off of a frigate destroying all electrical wiring in its path, forcing renewal. Jose Canseco's second book, *Vindicated,* follows the aftermath of the first book's publication.

Canseco, a former All-Star MVP baseball player, wrote Juiced as an exposé on the rampant steroid and drug use within the major leagues.

His encouragement left some players calling him the "Godfather" of steroids. Now upping the ante of a second coming, *Vindicated* discusses, among other things, the behind-the-scenes drama at the congressional hearings, his lie detector tests and his take on the Mitchell Report on steroid use in baseball.

Canseco's incendiary revelations led to massive sports media backlash, with many reporters lashing out and writing him off as a has-been lunatic, and some fans going as far to label him a "snitch" and a "rat." Canseco was proven right when players started testing positive, including Raphael Palmeiro, one of the players who vehemently denied taking steroids at the congressional hearing. Canseco felt that players were using steroids "because they were afraid of losing their jobs, the ones they had to perform to stay in the game, and steroids gave them the edge they needed." After the crushing financial loss of the Major League Strike in 1994, MLB needed superhuman baseball players to carry the day, and ultimately rescue the game. The competition, then between Sammy Sosa and Mark McGuire to beat Roger Maris's 61 home run record (and the subsequent publicity generated from it), was just what the struggling MLB needed. To prove that he was telling the truth, Canseco underwent two lie detector tests, both of which he passed with excellence. Canseco was sick of all the doubters and journalists who felt his accusations were destroying the game of baseball. To him, this book and his previous best-seller were payback for him being blackballed out of the game. *Vindicated* was borne out of that frustration. Nine months after *Juiced* was published, MLB drew up stricter penalties for players caught on steroids, including a new 30-game suspension for first time offenders. MLB also increased random testing.

Vindicated is written plainly with a conversational quality, belying the serious nature of the subject matter. The book is very repetitive in belabouring certain points. Canseco over-emphasizes that players need steroids.

There is also an unnecessary epilogue about the love of the game, and an appendix, which the book can do without as it comes across as filler for an already short book. Canseco's book meanders into gossip territory, with a childish rant on another baseball player, Alex Rodriguez, who Canseco claims tried to seduce his wife at the time.

The book also lacks a historical perspective. Canseco fails to quantify his role in sport history alongside other controversial baseball figures. Canseco is not a heroic whistleblower unlike the soldier who exposed the prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib. His story is more analogous to the NYPD police corruption scandals of the late 1970s, when a corrupt police officer exposed bribery and graft within his department. Like the police officers, Canseco has damaged lives and the system..

However, like the phoenix rising from the ashes, the reforms instituted by MLB may help baseball move past the steroid era and into an era of international acceptance and worldwide respectability. It might be all due to a gossipy book by a washed-up baseball player that got the ball rolling.

Beer throughout the ages: from Egypt to modern day

Leah Werier
THE MANITOBAN

WINNIPEG (CUP) – Beer is one of the world's most popular alcoholic beverages, and also one of the world's oldest.

The first people credited with brewing beer were the ancient Sumerians and Mesopotamians, beginning as early as 10,000 BC.

No one knows exactly how beer was discovered, but it is thought that damp bread fermented and resulted in an inebriating mush that someone must have tried and liked.

Luckily, the Sumerians were able to duplicate the process and the resulting beverage was both enjoyed and used as a divine offering to the gods. Amazingly, we would recognize the Sumerian beverage, although it was different from our modern beer.

Beer was so important it got mentioned in The Gilgamesh Epic from third millennium BC, which tells of the transformation of a primitive man to a human being after drinking seven cups of beer.

The oldest collection of written laws (decrees of King Hammurabi) provided daily beer rations: two litres for a normal worker, three litres for a civil servant and five litres for administrators and high priests.

Punishment for brewing weak beer was death by drowning. This may also be the first written example of those who work the hardest being paid the least.

Egyptians added dates to beer to improve the flavour, and beer was so important that scribes created an extra hieroglyphic to represent "brewer."

Romans were able to grow grapes and thought that drinking wine went better with their advanced civilization, but beer continued to be enjoyed wherever wine was unavailable.

In Germany, circa 800 BC, beer was a daily beverage and divine offering.

The art of brewing beer became a respected trade in the Middle Ages. Monasteries brewed beer for their own consumption and could be licensed to sell beer. To attract patrons, the monks had to brew higher quality beer.

As towns developed, the demand for beer grew and pubs were allowed as long as they paid a tax.

Since the monasteries were not subject to tax under their older brewery license, Emperor Sigismund (1368-1437) issued the first decree to close the monastery breweries and open more private, tax-paying pubs. The quality and local quantity was improving, but it still didn't resemble our modern brew.

Beer was flavoured with mixtures of berries, bark, seeds, spices and herbs provided under a "license," a type of a patent.

King Gambrinus of Flanders, still known today as the patron saint of beer, added hops to beer, which improved the flavour and put a dent in the need for flavour licenses.

Lucky that King Gambrinus came up with hops, because some of the licensed mixtures used to flavour beer were deadly.

When a batch of beer caused illness or death, people assumed it was cursed by beer-witches. Since women were often burdened with the work of brewing beer, the charge of being a beer-witch could result in death. Eat-online.net states that the last reported burning of a beer-witch was in 1591.

The German Beer Purity Law, declared in 1516, is the oldest food law in existence, according to Brewery.org.

It required that beer be made from only barley, hops and clean water. Notice that yeast (which is a modern ingredient of beer) is not part of this food law, because in 1516, yeast had not been discovered.

The German Beer Purity Law resulted in a superior product that could withstand storage, and beer became an export product of Germany.

Modern inventions impacted beer's development and production. The invention of the steam engine in 1765 resulted in steam-powered breweries with greater capacity.

The increased capacity arose just around the time of the first railway between Nurnberg and Furth, Germany in 1835. Two barrels of beer were among the cargo on the maiden run.

Beer lasts longer, and arguably tastes better, when it is cold, so Carl von Linde's invention of refrigeration lead to increased production of beer. Beer brewing is sensitive, and before refrigeration, brewing was restricted by seasonal temperature variations.

In 1876, Louis Pasteur took a scientific approach to the brewing of beer, publishing a paper that explained the need for sanitization in the brewing process.

The final key ingredient to standardized brewing was isolation of a single cell of yeast by Christen Hansen.

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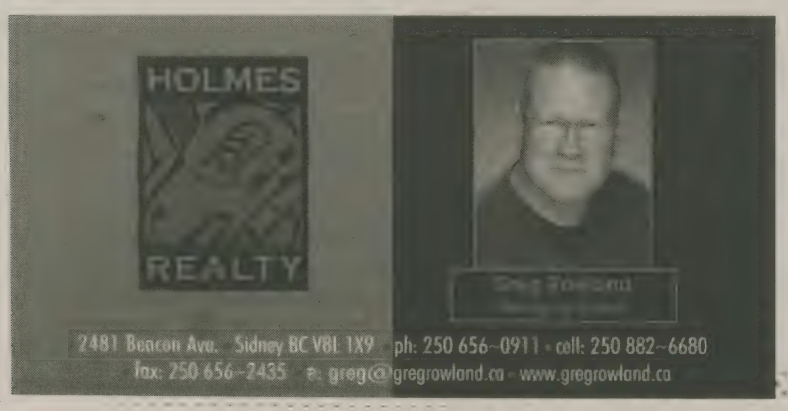
More modern advances include the metal keg introduced in 1964, which is easier to clean and tap, allowing for fewer contagions in beer.

Recently, microbreweries have introduced fresh local beers with exotic flavours to the delight of beer drinkers. In a way, beer brewing has come full circle; made in small batches without preservatives, with added flavourings much like the patents of old, but the only beer-witches are the ones drinking it.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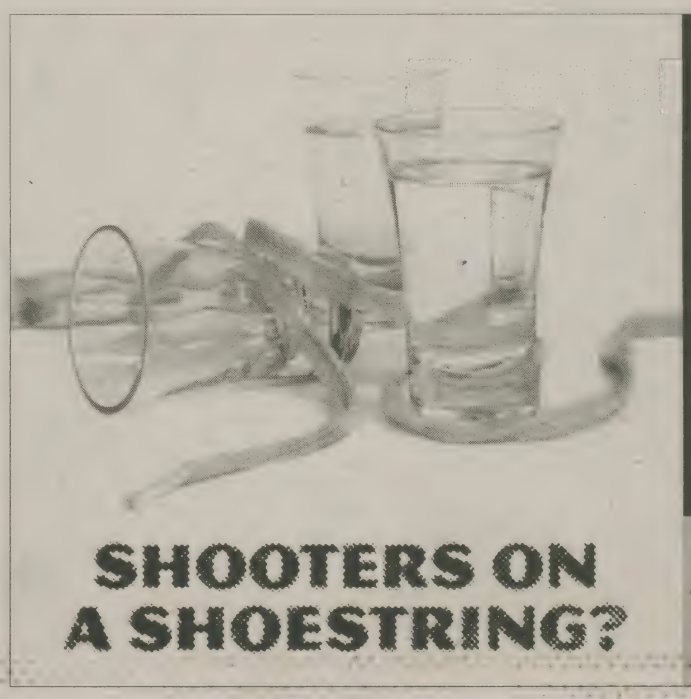
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Utah Grizzlies devour Salmon Kings in weekend series

Philippe Granger

There was nothing to celebrate this Halloween at the Save-on-Foods Memorial Centre as the Salmon Kings lost twice in their three-game series to the Utah Grizzlies.

The Salmon Kings struggled to find the chemistry needed to put numbers in the win column, walking away with just two of a possible six points.

The home side hung on to the first game by a score of 4-3, despite the Grizzlies tying it up 3-3 in the second period. Olivier Labelle was able to score his fourth goal of the season in the third period to lift the Kings to victory. It was a hard fought battle with five of the seven goals scored between the teams coming on the powerplay; Victoria scoring three and Utah two.

Labelle potted his fifth and sixth goals of the season for the Kings during the Friday night match up. His efforts weren't enough, however, as the Grizzlies dismantled the Salmon Kings.

Despite his two goals, Labelle was disappointed with the loss.

"You come to the rink to win the hockey game," Labelle said. "It doesn't really matter how many goals or assists you get. At the end of the game, all that matters is to get the two points, and tonight we didn't so there's no reason to be happy."

Labelle, in addition to his two goals for the night, pumped up his teammates when he crashed the net in the second period and knocked over Utah's goaltender Michael Mole. A tussle ensued as he took on Utah defenseman Jon Gleed.

Saturday night, Nov. 1, was the third and final meeting between the two teams. Victoria was looking to rebound from Friday's loss but Utah managed to outplay the Kings physically as well as mentally.

SANDRA MINARIK PHOTO

The Salmon Kings rush the Grizzlies net on Saturday's match. The level of intensity was heightened as two playes were ejected for fighting.

"We work for everything we get and then we just have a mental breakdown," said Salmon Kings captain Wes Goldie after Saturday's loss. "[We] gave them the opportunity to just tap in [goals]."

New signing Sean O'Connor lifted the intensity on Saturday's match as both linesmen had to restrain him after he leapt onto the back of Utah Grizzlie Evan Kotsopoulos and pummeled him with blows to the head. Kotsopoulos assumed the fetal position and took a vicious beating after he had deliberately kicked O'Connor in the mouth with his skate's blade. Both players were ejected and issued game misconducts.

Despite their efforts to play more physical in Saturday's match, Victoria coach Mark Morrison said his side's efforts weren't enough to clinch a victory.

"We wanted to be more physical [tonight] and I thought we were," Morrison said. "We wanted to play harder and we did. The thing about this league is you have to come with [the] same intensity and effort every night."

The Kings' short and chaotic training camp may have been a factor in the lack of chemistry among teammates. While half the team participated in the full six-day training camp in early October, the other half trickled in as individuals from other teams.

The Salmon Kings head out on the road for the next three games with stops in Bakersfield and Stockton. The next home game will be on Nov. 14 against the Phoenix Roadrunners.

Women's rowing makes huge splash

Jonathon Wolsey

The UVic women's rowing team made a statement last weekend at the Canadian University Rowing Championships as they captured fourth place in Fort Langley.

With only two returning rowers from last year, the new squad faced some tough competition. Coach Rick Crowely knew this weekend's tournament was going to test his squad, of which 70 per cent were rowing with the Vikes' program for the first time this season.

"We will be preparing to try to take it to UBC in the Brown Cup since they have never beaten us," Crowely said. He indicated that going into this season, it's going to be a rebuilding year.

The Vikes were in fine form however, as the crew held their ground with impressive results. The lightweight double team took silver, while bronze medals were awarded to the heavyweight eight, the lightweight four and the lightweight double.

The heavyweight eight just fell short of Western and UBC while the lightweight double kept pace over Queens and Western.

The Vikes will hope to build on their achievement as they travel to Seattle this weekend to take part in the Head of the Lake race.

Men's rowing team comes up short against Western

Jonathon Wolsey

After a strong start for the UVic men's rowing team last weekend, the Vikes were ready to take on this year's favourite, the University of Western in the Canadian Rowing Championship at Fort Langley this past weekend.

As last year's champions, Western was up against a tough Vikes squad looking to make up for last year's defeat.

UVic lightweight singles rowers Doug Csima, Josh Morris and Terry McKall were able to capture gold. Brent Dalimore won bronze in the men's single event, and Tom Watson and Hugh Wallace took silver in the lightweight double events, keeping the Vikes in the hunt for the national title.

It all came down to the UVic heavyweight eight crew who needed a first place finish to capture UVic's fifth national rowing crown.

For the second week in a row, however, the Vikes had a rough start setting a rhythm. UVic was able to rebound from the slow start soon after, however, as they surged towards the 1,000-meter mark where they passed the UBC Thunderbirds and closed in on the Mustangs.

Unfortunately, defending champion Western was able to counterattack the Vikes speed, and claimed the gold medal.

With the Vikes focusing on Western, UBC was able to slide back in to second at the finish line leaving the Vikes in third.

The last Canadain University Rowing Championships (CURC) title came for the men's rowing team in 2001.

In last year's national tournament, the Vikes claimed the bronze medal.

The Vikes now head south of the border for the Seattle-hosted Head of the Lake tournament this weekend.

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Vikes Tommy Hartlin makes a run during Saturday's match in James Bay.

Vikes kick away first place against James Bay

Andrew Smith

A lack-lustre performance by the UVic Vikes men's rugby team resulted in James Bay topping the Vancouver Island Rugby Union (VIRU) standings with a game in hand last Saturday, Nov. 1. The young Vikes squad was held tryless for the first time this season, as the Bays side took the match by a score of 20-6.

The pressure was on for the Vikes as several starters were either touring in Europe or were sidelined by injury. Impact back-line runners Sean Duke and Phil MacKenzie, two of UVic's top try scorers were away while Captain David Spicer continued to nurse his leg injury.

The Vikes were the first to score, however, as they grabbed three quick points off a penalty kick before James Bay crushed any hopes of an upset with two momentum crushing tries. Former Vikes winger Dave Moonlight was the first to touch down for James Bay as he weaved through UVic's defence. James Bay's no. 8 Thy de Goede went over minutes later to make it 10-3 for the home side.

UVic's back-line runners were unusually ineffective throughout the match as they failed to generate a strong offence. Vikes' centre Ben Grant was able to break tackles but lacked support as his teammates watched the ball stripped and possession turned over.

After failing to string their passes, UVic supporters watched in dismay as the Vikes kicked away their possession deep in their own half.

The second half opened with UVic stand off Thomas Brody adding another three points to close the gap to 10-6.

With the Vikes unable to penetrate the home side's defensive line, however, frustrations mounted and fists were thrown. UVic second-row Mike MacKay was sin-binned for his second consecutive match while James Bay prop Ben Johnson was also shown a yellow for the midfield scuffle.

It looked as though the tide turned for UVic late in the match as James Bay's try scorer de Goede was also shown the yellow after several warnings against his diving in and off-side position. Despite James Bay only having 13 players on the field, UVic failed to capitalize on their one-man advantage. Rather than feeding their speedy runners from the break down, UVic continued kicking the ball to relieve the pressure.

As James Bay gained momentum, the Vikes began to lose their line outs and give away penalties deep in their own half. James Bay was quick to capitalize as full-back Dan Harlow went over for James Bay's third try. Stand off Jeff William's conversion sealed the win as James Bay took the match by a score of 20-6.

UVic coach Doug Tate was frustrated with his side's performance.

"We didn't play very smart," Tate said. "We kicked balls away that we shouldn't have kicked. We should've held onto the ball more."

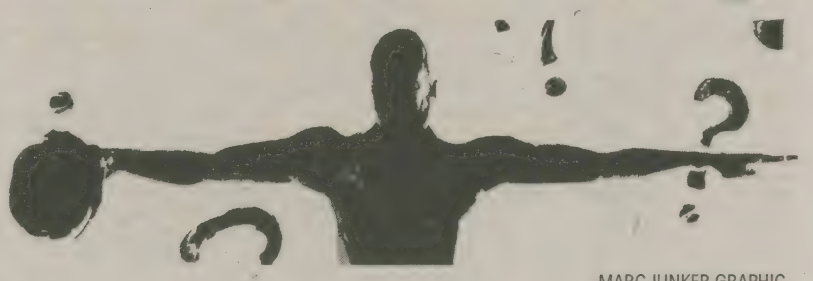
The Vikes now head into Saturday's match with a 4-2 record and will need a win against the Cowichan Piggies to keep their hopes of competing in December's Barnard Cup alive.

The Nov. 1 win sees James Bay move on top of the VIRU standings with 21 points, as the Vikes now trail close behind with 20 points.

LUNDY'S SEASON PREDICTIONS

The NBA is back and in full swing

Matt Lundy



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The NBA returns after last season's resurgence, in which its two most storied franchises — the Los Angeles Lakers and Boston Celtics — battled each other for the Larry O'Brien Trophy.

Between the emerging young stars, the success of elder statesmen and the ongoing saga of Stephon Marbury's mental health, this upcoming NBA season has something to offer for both the casual fan and the die-hard supporter.

The Celtics will try to repeat as NBA champions after completing the league's greatest single-season turnaround. Just two years ago they were tanking games in pursuit of former college star, Kevin Durant.

But with last season's acquisition of Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen, the Celtics imposed a stifling defence upon their competition. Their championship run concluded with Garnett delivering a tearful curse-laden celebration on national TV.

Let's hope that Garnett can keep the censors on their toes once again. Here are some predictions for the upcoming season.

Best record: Los Angeles Lakers

The Lakers will set the pace for league-wide supremacy behind All-Star guard Kobe Bryant. Not only does L.A. hold the game's most complete player with Bryant, but the franchise features a loaded front court with Pau Gasol and Andrew Bynum. Toss in the deepest bench in the NBA, and you have a winning formula. The only thing which could disrupt the Lakers from topping the Western Conference is Lamar Odom, who, after being hauled from the starting line-up, might pull a Shawn Marion and whine for more recognition.

Worst record: Oklahoma City Thunder

The Seattle SuperSonics were yanked from a major American market and relocated to Oklahoma City this year. The move itself defied logical explanation and uprooted a 40-year span of basketball tradition in the Pacific Northwest. In an act of instant karma, the Oklahoma City faithful shouldn't expect much from their team's inaugural season. They may have Kevin Durant, one of the league's brightest young stars, but the rest of the team is littered with underachieving veterans and inexperienced youngsters.

Worst organization: Charlotte Bobcats

Maybe managing a basketball team didn't make the cut of things which managing member Michael Jordan loves. Under Jordan's direction, the Bobcats have squandered young talent and signed mediocre players to big-name contracts. Jordan nearly sunk the Washington Wizards with his renewed basketball involvement. The Bobcats might not be as fortunate. Perhaps he should stick to doing underwear commercials.

Most overrated team: Houston Rockets

Each off-season the Rockets make a big move to support their two stars, Tracy McGrady and Yao Ming. Fans and journalists go wild over the possibilities, but the result is always the same — an early exit in the first round of the playoffs. During the summer the Rockets added Ron Artest from Sacramento, famed bad boy who brawled with fans and received a year's suspension. Despite this acquisition, the Rockets will falter once again. Too much hinges on the injury-plagued McGrady and Ming. Counting on either of them to stay healthy is like counting on Stephen Harper to increase funding for the arts. In other words, it's not happening.

Most improved player: Jordan Farmar

The third-year Lakers guard should make a huge improvement after a strong sophomore season and anchor the league's deepest bench. Starting point guard Derek Fisher is on the downward slope of his career and Farmar could move into starter's minutes. Other players to look out for are the Detroit Pistons' Amir Johnson and Rodney Stuckey, and the Celtics' Leon Powe.

Rookie of the Year: Rudy Fernandez

Fernandez heads into his rookie season after torching the U.S. Olympic basketball team for 22 points in 18 minutes during the gold medal game. The Spaniard brings competitive European experience to a youthful Portland Trail Blazers squad. During the 2007 NBA draft, Fernandez was drafted by the Phoenix Suns and subsequently sold to Portland for cash. Suns fans will feel cheated when Fernandez breaks out with a strong rookie campaign.

Most valuable player: Chris Paul

No other team relies on their star player more than the New Orleans Hornets do with Chris Paul. The young point guard has elevated his team to a Western Conference power behind personal statistics which eclipse those of Steve Nash's two MVP seasons. After finishing runner-up to Bryant in last season's MVP race, Paul will usher in an era of young superstars by winning the league's highest individual honour.

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UVic's Mike Hull goes up for a basket. Hull finished with 10 points.

Vikes sweep SFU at home

Eric Hertz

The Vikes men's basketball remained unbeaten in the early Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) season by beating Simon Fraser University twice. The home court advantage played into the Vikes' hands with the boisterous crowds cheering the team to victory.

In the first game, the Vikes were able to capitalize on an early lead to take the victory by a score of 64-58. Tyler Hass led the way for the Vikes, with 15 points and eight rebounds. Matt Kuzminski, an ex-Vikes member, scored a game-high 17 points in a losing effort for the SFU Clan.

The Vikes then mounted a comeback victory in the second leg of the weekend series, with a 58-51 win on Saturday night, Nov. 1.

In the second game's first quarter, Hass continued his impressive play, scoring six early points, including a skilled reverse lay-up.

The Clan held the lead, however, with strong offensive rebounding and strong showings by their rookies, Gregory Gillies and Eric Burrell. The second quarter remained a defensive battle, with several turnovers and neither side gaining an advantage. SFU was up 25-20 at the half.

The third quarter was the Mitch Gudgeon show for the Vikes. Gudgeon was involved in all of the Vikes' offense, going on an 8-0 run by himself, including a thunderous fastbreak dunk off a perfect pass from Jeff Spoor. The already-electric crowd members were brought to their feet as the young player came down from the rim.

Gudgeon either scored or assisted on every field goal in the quarter, but the Vikes were unable to take the lead.

Matt Kuzminski shone for the Clan, almost going basket for basket with Gudgeon. His precise 3-point shooting kept the lead in SFU's hands. The fourth quarter was a spirited, back-and-fourth affair.

With Gudgeon on the bench due to his two early fouls later in the match, the rest of the Vikes rallied to hold off the Clan. Later in the quarter, Mike Hull of the Vikes scored a circus lay-up and was fouled. He hit the free throw to complete the and-1 play and gave the Vikes a five point lead.

SFU failed to capitalize on their late opportunities, missing key free throws after an intentional foul call, and turning the ball over. The Vikes made their free throws down the stretch, and won 58-51.

Gudgeon led the way for the Vikes in stats with an 18-point, 10-rebound game. Hull had 10 points and 7 rebounds coming off the bench. Kuzminski led the Clan in scoring again with 19 points.

The Vikes are looking to remain unbeaten next weekend when they play second-ranked UBC in the McKinnon gym.

MEN'S CANADA WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS

IVAN OLAFSSON PHOTO

UVic's Kyle Kostis heads in a goal during Saturday night's final against the Trinity Western Spartans.

UVic men's soccer team crushes Spartans in Canada West final

Andrew Smith

The UVic men's soccer team has proven once again that they are best in the Canada West division after defeating the Trinity Western Spartans, 4-1.

With Canada West Coach of the Year Bruce Wilson at the helm, the side was unstoppable as they carried the momentum from regular season play into last weekend's playoffs.

MVP Cole McFarlane was in fine form when he single-handedly carried the Vikes through their semi-final match. With just 15 minutes remaining, UVic's season was all but over as they trailed the Alberta Golden Bears 1-0.

McFarlane struck twice in the 76th and 89th minute to give UVic their birth in the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) National Championships in Ottawa this weekend.

With the momentum rolling after clinching their 11th Canada West title and their first since 2005, the team put on quite a show for their fans during Saturday's (Nov. 1) final against Trinity Western. Despite their berth in nationals already sealed, the Vikes starting line up featured all of their top players.

The Vikes scored early as the crowd erupted after Kyle Kosits headed in UVic's first goal in the 16th minute. The Vikes doubled the lead in the 32nd minute as Sean Glanville volleyed in a loose ball off a Vikes' corner. With a 2-0 lead, UVic began to substitute key players.

Despite the substitutions, however, the Vikes showed just how much depth their bench has as the team continued to penetrate the Spartans' defence. UVic midfielder Corey Sanford crushed a shot from outside the penalty box to put his side up 3-0 before Vikes James Rhodes was brought down by Spartans' keeper Andrew Kowan for a penalty.

UVic's William Gye calmly placed his penalty in the bottom left corner for the home side's fourth goal. A late Spartans' strike from James Faremhorst narrowed the margin to 4-1 before the final whistle was blown.

UVic coach Bruce Wilson was impressed by his side's performance after the match.

"Whenever you win a championship final 4-1, you know that you've dominated," Wilson said. "Full credit to the team. The team was very determined today to win Canada West on their home turf in front of their own crowd."

With a 12-3-1 record and a Canada West title under their belts, Wilson says his team will remain focused on winning this week's CIS Nationals.

"There're no easy games now," he said. "There were no easy games in playoffs here, so we'll be well prepared. We have to be ready to play the first game as it's a single knockout [competition]."

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WOMEN'S CANADA WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS

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UVic's Kendra Flock fights off a Trinity Western defender during Sunday's Canada West championship final.

Vikes shootout for division title

Kristi Sipes

The UVic women's soccer team will head on a roll to the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) national tournament in Langley this weekend, after prevailing in two thrilling shootouts.

The Vikes captured the Canada West conference championship on Sunday, Nov. 2, by finally beating the Trinity Western Spartans on shootout goals.

After regulation time and two overtime periods on Sunday, the teams were deadlocked in a scoreless tie. Vikes rookie goalkeeper Stephanie Parker capped a brilliant 14-save game by making two consecutive shootout stops to allow UVic to take the win.

Defender Marlie Philip kicked in the winning shot for the Vikes, who tallied four goals in the shootout to the Spartans' three. Philip had played solid defence throughout the game, clearing several dangerous balls with headers from the Vikes' territory.

It was clear from the opening whistle that the teams were well-matched competitively. Both sides attacked with full force, and neither side dominated in ball possession.

UVic's Parker was tested early as she was forced to stop a hard shot within the opening two minutes of the game.

Defender Holly Fiddick performed well, clearing an early cross out of the box that was headed for Spartans' star forward Nikki Wright. Wright has constantly been a threat in front of the net and recently won both the Canada West Rookie of the Year and the Canada West MVP.

UVic pressured the Spartans' goal throughout the match. One of the Vikes' best scoring chances came in the first half on a free kick from 10 yards outside the Spartans' box. Forward Moira Hood touched a short pass to defender Sarah Cameron, who fired a rocket forcing a diving save from the Spartans' goalie.

The offensive exchanges continued in the second half, with the game growing more physical. Two rough charges by the Spartans' Rebecca Ferguson on UVic's Cameron resulted in the referee giving Ferguson a warning. Shortly after, the Spartans' Tessa Meyer would receive a yellow card for fouling forward Janelle Smith near the sideline.

Vikes forward Kendra Flock created scoring chances throughout the game. Flock carried the ball alone into the Spartans' box midway through the second half, only to be double-teamed and pulled down by Spartans defenders. The physical intensity continued through the overtime periods.

At the other end of the field, Parker was constantly under attack having to catch Spartans' crosses into the box.

UVic head coach Tracy David was impressed with Parker's performance after the match.

"[Parker] played awesome," David said. "She was under severe pressure."

The Spartans continued to pile on the pressure in overtime. Early in the first overtime period a Spartans free kick from inside the Vikes' penalty arch hit the crossbar and was quickly cleared by the Vikes' defence.

Vikes defender Shayla Behrens quashed another Spartans attack by poking the ball away, and Cameron kept the shutout alive by heading the ball over the goal after a scramble in the box for a Spartans' corner kick. Both sides' efforts were not enough, however, as they went into the shootout after 120 minutes of play.

In earlier action, the Vikes had qualified for Sunday's gold-medal game on Saturday, Nov. 1, by winning their first shootout of the weekend against the fourth-seeded Manitoba Bisons. The game was tied at one after regulation, and neither team was able to capitalize on any chances in overtime.

After a scoreless first half, the Vikes took the lead 15 minutes into the second half with a pretty goal. Midfielder Tessa Margetts carried the ball deep into Bisons territory and nailed a crossing pass to the other side of the goal, where Janelle Smith headed the ball past the Bisons' goalkeeper.

However, the Bisons continued attacking and tied up the game seven minutes later with a shot that was high out of Parker's diving reach.

Parker made two stops during Saturday's shootout, in addition to 12 saves during the game.

Parker commented on the match after the game.

"It was pretty intense. It was a really close game," she said. "Everyone was doing really well the whole game. We battled hard."

Hood scored the game-winning fifth kick on Saturday. She also remarked on the intensity after the match was over.

"It comes down to the fifth shooter sometimes, and I'm happy I put it away, but every goal means the same thing in that situation," Hood said. "It just gets a little more intense as the time goes on."

The Vikes scored four in the shootout, while the Bisons scored three, for a final score of 2-1.

Through Saturday's win, the Vikes qualified for the national tournament for the fourth straight year. They play the Dalhousie Tigers on Thursday, Nov. 6, in Langley.

IVAN OLAFSSON PHOTO

UVic's Ashley Yee goes up for a basket as SFU's Brittany Fraser defends.

Vikes split home series with Simon Frasier Clan

Eric Hertz

What a difference a day can make. One day after the Vikes staged a major upset against the Simon Fraser University Clan in the first game winning 57-56, the Vikes were crushed 87-60.

In Friday night's game, the Vikes rallied behind Kayla Dykstra as she scored 18 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. Forwards Laura Weigl and Courtenay Gerwing led the way for SFU with 17 and 11 points respectively, but it was not enough to overcome the poor outside shooting by the guards and cohesive game played by the Vikes.

The second game was a different story, however, as SFU came out looking like a new team.

Their full court pressure caused crucial Vikes turnovers and led to easy shot opportunities. The Clan led 27-16 going into the second quarter.

SFU kept up the solid defensive play and built their lead to 48-28 at the half. Laura Weigl of the Clan went head-to-head with Kayla Dykstra of the Vikes in a battle of premier post players with each player having an excellent game.

After the half, the story was more of the same: the Clan forced the Vikes into turning the ball over, leading to easy shots. SFU defence really began to key on Kayla Dykstra, not allowing her to receive passes in scoring position. This change in defensive philosophy boded well for SFU, as the Vikes offence appeared stagnant without Dykstra making baskets. The Clan created many turnovers when ill-timed passes were thrown to Dykstra as the Vikes were attempting to force the ball inside to her.

Dykstra had to work for every point, often facing two or three defenders, but she still managed to score 19 points. The Clan never allowed the Vikes to get into an offensive rhythm in the game. SFU were lights-out from the three-point line all night, especially in the second half. They closed out the Vikes 87-60.

The Vikes will have to take this weekend's results in stride. They defied the odds this weekend as they managed to show they can play with one of the top teams in Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS).

The Vikes' next game is Nov. 7 at McKinnon Gym against another divisional foe, the UBC Thunderbirds.

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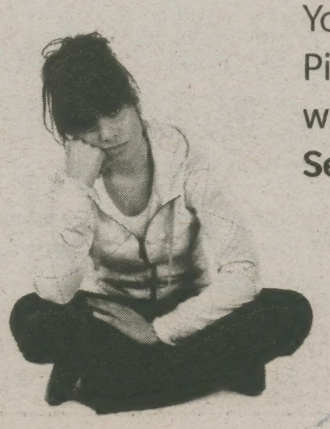

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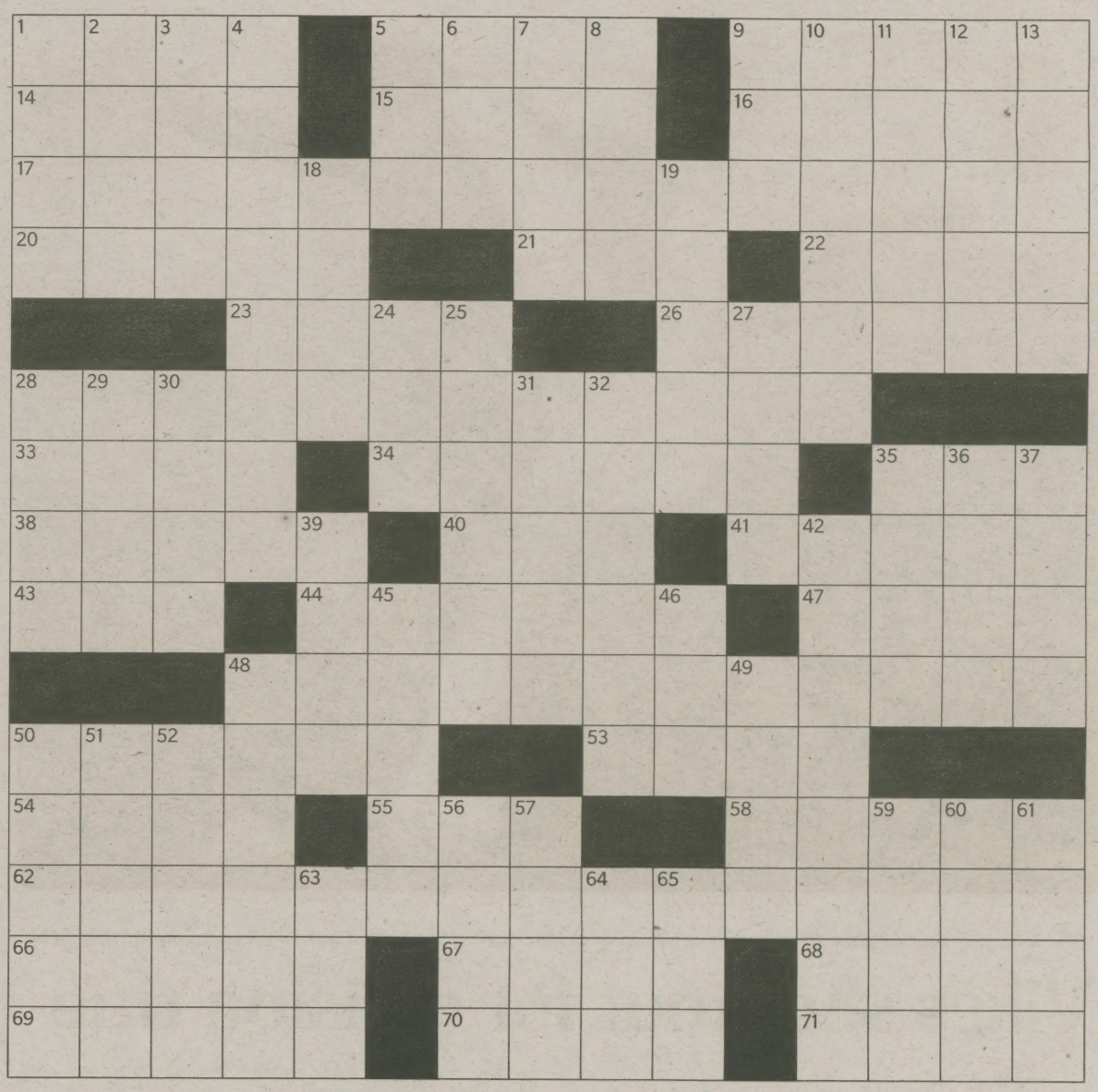

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1. One that progresses with time
5. These can be white if it is windy
9. "Go take _____" (command to a child around bedtime)
14. Character in "The Big Lebowski"
15. Type of exam
16. Earth
17. It was good enough for Moses
20. Fire starter
21. She wrote the first computer program
22. Valuable metal
23. Long periods of time
26. Tidily
28. "Tell her what she's won!"
33. Englishman, slangily
34. They're mine, and they're little
35. Fleur de ____
38. Slip or fail
40. Telemarketers may use this technique (abbr.)
41. Deteriorate
43. Ender of some organic compounds
44. ____ to ____
47. Succeeded with great effort
48. What you are working on past the deadline
50. Saps
53. Type of gull
54. Capital of Nevada in reverse, or a hole on the first shot
55. Will pay later
58. A. A. of the hundred acre wood
62. What a bride might have if everything is going wrong
66. Digital message
67. Christian of 'Equilibrium'
68. E of QED
69. Units of force
70. James Bond movie, in abbreviation
71. Net in the Colosseum

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1. Hubbubs
2. Bigger than a swallow
3. Poetic sagas of Iceland
4. Falls back
5. Follows a dot
6. Second person singular of 'to be'
7. Prefix meaning similar
8. Vehicle that works best with gravity
9. Graphics cards manufacturer
10. Panhandler
11. "That would be _____" (really funny)
12. It might be under a bridge
13. What men are when a jam jar needs opening
18. Symbol (archaic spelling)
19. Arthur's best friend
24. Political group in Canada
25. One you might kick at night
27. You can do something with this
28. Having the power
29. Kind of cereal
30. Ready for picking
31. Put an ____
32. Old women, sometimes
35. Norse god of trickery
36. Same as before
37. Mobutu ____ Seko, Dictator of Zaire for 32 years
39. English school for boys since 1440
42. Merchant
45. Welles or Card
46. Cry of fear or surprise
48. Hole in one under par
49. Unable to speak
50. Paddled backwards
51. Nemesis
52. It probably has four doors
56. PBS broadcast in Boston
57. Dutch cheese
59. Entice
60. Concise
61. This in Spain
63. This system helps when approaching a runway in cloudy weather (abbr.)
64. Gore and Pacino
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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 12

"How Green Is Your Vote?"
6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Science Building, A104
Candidates for mayor and council of Victoria will be challenged to answer questions on how they will deal with the issues of climate change in our community.
Fee: Free
Info: Rita Fromholt,
250-884-5751
ritaf@uvic.ca

SATURDAY, NOV. 15

UVic Jazz Ensemble
8 - 10 p.m.
MacLaurin Building, B125
Anita Bonkowski, director
Special guest: TBA
Fee: $16 & $12
Info: 721-7904
michalsk@uvic.ca

MONDAY, NOV. 17

Peer-Helping Coffeehouse
4 - 6 p.m.
Clearihue Building, D131
The drop-in coffeehouse features free (and no-strings-attached) beverages and refreshments. Organized by the Peer-Helping Program, this is a space for students to enjoy a break between classes and connect with one another.
Fee: Free
Info: Kathleen Hare
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Alcohol and Injury: Emergency Room Studies in an International Perspective
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
David Strong Building, C112
This lecture will provide a background on the importance of emergency room studies of alcohol and injury, and describes the eight-country Emergency Room Collaborative Alcohol Analysis Project (ERCAAP) and the 12-country WHO Collaborative Study on Alcohol and Injury.
Fee: Free
Info: Rita Fromholt
250-472-5305
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TUESDAY, NOV. 18

Health Services Flu Shot Clinic
10 - 1:30 p.m.
McPherson Library, 135J
Have you had your flu shot yet? Health Services Nurses will be giving flu shots. Please bring your medical card.
Fee: $20, cash only
Info: Birdena Luney
250-721-8492
luney@uvic.ca

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19

Payoke: Pioneering the Fight Against Human Trafficking
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Human & Social Development Building, A373
Come join us for a dialogue with Patsy Sorensen, the founder and current director of Payoke NGO, who will be discussing the role of the Payoke NGO in combating human trafficking.
Fee: Free
Info: 250-721-8056
youngb@uvic.ca

LIVE CONCERTS

THURSDAY, NOV. 6

Moses Mayes @ Element
10 p.m. - 1 a.m., doors at 9 p.m.
Tickets available at Lyle's Place and the Strathcona Hotel, or online at www.hightideconcerts.net. (No Minors).
Fee: $15

Jake Langley Trio @ Hermann's Jazz Club
8 p.m.
Tickets available at Victoria Jazz Society, McPherson Box Office, Lyle's Place, and Hermann's Jazz Club. (All Ages).
Fee: $15 in advance
$18 at the door

DJ Longshanks @ Lucky Bar
10 p.m.
The Lucky Bar presents the best up-and-coming Victoria DJs, bringing you fresh underground dance music. Hosted by DJ Longshanks and weekly guest hosts, two guest DJs per week will show their skills and you (along with an expert panel) get to be the judge. (No Minors).
Fee: $5

FRIDAY, NOV. 7

Wiley Fawkes, Raven Head, Walrus @ Lucky Bar
10 p.m.
Twelve-piece local indie rockers make their debut, with Nelson's Ravenhead. (No Minors).
Fee: $8

The Secret Life of Animals, Meatdraw @ Dave's Warehouse
10 p.m. - 1 a.m., doors at 9 p.m.
MeatDraw presents the release of their new album, "Fin Du Monophone."
Tickets available at Ditch Records & Cds, and Street Level Espresso. (All Ages).
Fee: $12

SATURDAY, NOV. 8

Kemal Evans @ Heckler's Bar & Grill
9:30 p.m. - 12 a.m., doors at 7 p.m.
Tickets available at the Strathcona Hotel, or online at www.hightideconcerts.net. (No Minors).
Fee: Free

Boxcar, Geoff Howe @ Hermann's Jazz Club
8 - 11 p.m., doors at 7:30 p.m.
Tickets available at Lyle's Place and the door. (All Ages).
Fee: Adults $7 adults
Children free

The Soul Shakers ft. Joyce the Voice @ Swans
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
(No Minors).
Fee: Free

Solid with DJ Longshanks @ Lucky Bar
10 p.m.
DJ Longshanks spins an eclectic mix of Post-Everything dance music plus rare mixes and remixes. (No Minors).
Fee: $6

Dismember, Augury, Unleash The Archers @ Soprano's
10 p.m. - 2 a.m., doors at 9 p.m.
Tickets available at Lyle's Place, ticketweb.ca, Sideshow, Aces'n'Spades. (No Minors).
Fee: $15 + s/c

Dirtfella, Manitario, Jesse Roper @ Sugar
9:45 p.m. - 2 a.m., doors at 9 p.m.
We have tons of free gear to giveaway from DaKine,Sex Wax, Ripcurl, Quicksliver, Roxy, Electric, Lost, Light House Breweries, Sector 9, Reef and Sitka! If you attend, chances are you'll win something, it's that easy. This is a charity fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters Victoria, so you will be partying for a great cause. (No Minors).
Fee: Adults $12.50
Students $10

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, Nov. 15: Support group for anyone interested in supplementary treatments for mental illness. We meet at the coffee shop in the Esquimalt Rec. Centre, 527 Fraser Street at 10 a.m..

Fall into something great! Follow your heart by offering hope, dignity and respect.
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Training starts Nov. 15
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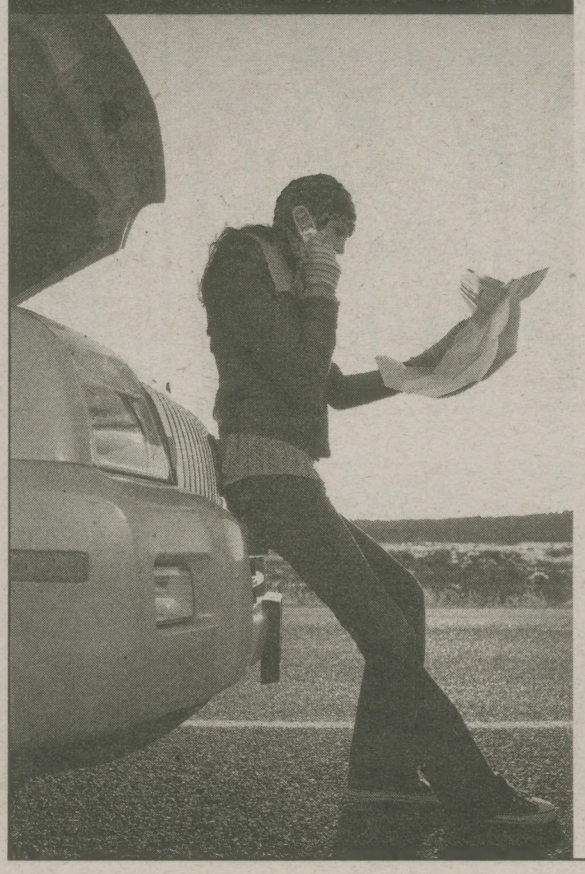

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Checkerpop

By Marc Junker & Denver Jackson

Smith vs. Smith: "My Grandparents"

by Matt Smith

My grandparents have a lot of sex.
I know this because they make a point of telling us.
Well, boys, your grandfather NEVER needs Viagra.
Plus Andrew has proof.
Dinner's read- OH DEAR GOD!!!
That's why you always knock, dear.
We'll be down in five, champ.
Their frankness makes it awkward around guests.
...I said, "Val, three times is more than enough for one day!"
...Pass the wine, please, Ashly.
My younger cousins are terrified of coffee ever since it was revealed that Grandma serves it to Grandpa in the nude.
It's nice that they're still active and still into each other at that age.
It gives me hope for the future.
I guess the main thing that bothers me is the thought that they're getting some and I'm not.
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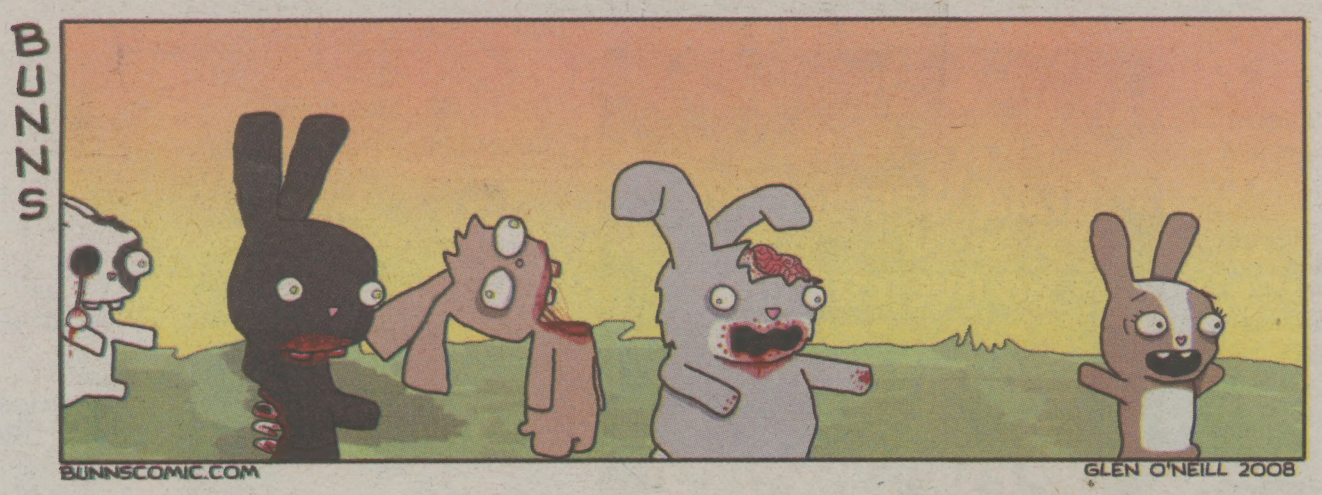

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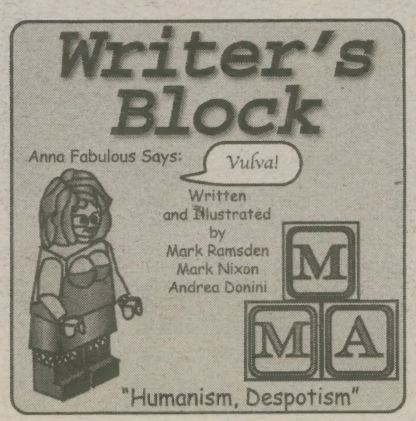

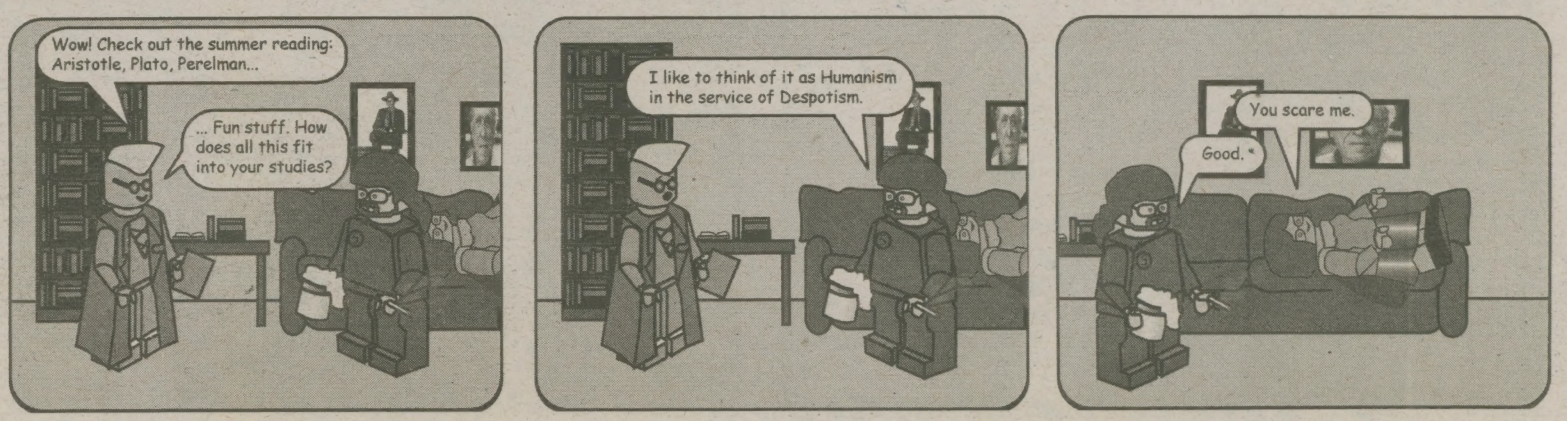
Wow! Check out the summer reading: Aristotle, Plato, Perelman...
... Fun stuff. How does all this fit into your studies?
I like to think of it as Humanism in the service of Despotism.
You scare me.
Good.